Larry Reynolds

Ferndale Middle School

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A world-class health educator, Mr. Reynolds successfully identifies the cause-and-effect relationship between environmental factors and student success and is able to use these factors to improve student outcomes, including a 100% pass rate in CPR training for his 8th graders.

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“This month’s IEI Featured Educator beautifully exemplifies the facilitator role. As a Health/PE teacher at Ferndale Middle School, Larry Reynolds has spent the last 39 years coaching his students and athletes toward improved performance through immediate and informative feedback as well as focused and intentional practice.

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