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San Marin's Virginia Vogl Receives Award

(Novato, CA)...The Novato Unified School District is proud to announce that Virginia Vogl has been chosen as the California League of High School's Region #4 High School Educator of the Year. Ms. Vogl, San Marin High School science and student leadership teacher, was nominated by Principal Adam Littlefield. In his nomination letter, Mr. Littlefield wrote, "She has no bullet-proof bracelets. She has no golden lasso. She has no invisible plane. But, San Marin High School teacher Virginia Vogl is as close to being Wonder Woman as any educator I know. Virginia has demonstrated exemplary leadership skills throughout the San Marin High School community for the past eight years. Her dedication and commitment to the entire school community is unparalleled."

As a science teacher at San Marin, Ms. Vogl teaches the most gifted students in Advanced Placement Chemistry and supports the most at-risk students in Earth Science. She is on the forefront of implementing the new Next Generation Science Standards. Embracing Project-Based Learning and the use of technology, Virginia successfully addresses student achievement through student engagement. Her students are actively involved in the learning process.

Ms. Vogl was the first teacher to accept Mr. Littlefield's challenge to create new support services for students transitioning into ninth grade at San Marin High School. Her efforts to bring research-based Link Crew to San Marin has transformed the school culture. There are fewer students earning Ds and Fs and student attendance has improved as a result of the implementation of Link Crew under Ms. Vogl's leadership. Her work to initiate a student election process and hold an election convention has given all students a voice in the direction of their school. She works tirelessly to help make SMHS a great place to work and learn.

The California League of High School's (CLHS) "Educator of the Year" award is given annually to 11 educators, representing regions throughout California, who exemplify educational excellence and have made significant efforts to implement elements of educational reform in high schools. The nominee selected to represent each region will subsequently be honored at the CLHS Annual Conference in Sacramento February 27-March 1, 2015. One of these nominees will be announced as CLHS High School Educator of the Year at the conference.

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