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### Semi-finalists chosen for New Hampshire’s 2025 Teacher of the Year

CONCORD, NH (May 21, 2024) — The New Hampshire Department of Education is pleased to announce the 15 semi-finalists for the 2025 New Hampshire Teacher of the Year Award. The teachers were selected from a total of 251 nominees and 76 applicants.

The semi-finalists are:

First Name	Last Name	Teacher’s School	Town
Chelsea	Barrett Viera	Highland-Goffes Falls Elementary	Manchester
Michele	Brezovec	South Meadow School	Peterborough
Kristen	Dacey	Dr. Lewis F. Soule Elementary School	Salem
Candice	DeAngelis	Bedford High School	Bedford
Amy	Doolin	Newfound Regional High School	Bristol
Jeff	Durell	Barrington Middle School	Barrington
Rebecca	Fortgang	Fall Mountain Regional High School	Langdon
Nicole	Gammella	Middle School at Parkside	Manchester
Brian	Gray	Sanborn Regional High School	Kingston
Brittney	Hewett	Hampstead Middle School	Hampstead
Matt	Holland	White Mountains Regional High School	Whitefield
Kim	Houghtaling	Cooperative Middle School	Stratham
Laura	McKenna	Mill Brook School	Concord
Amy	Poirier	Dover High School	Dover
Jason	Schrack	Adeline C. Marston School	Hampton

“We are honored to announce our 15 semi-finalists – a group of talented educators that truly represent some of the best teachers working in New Hampshire schools. It is apparent that these semi-finalists are committed to academic excellence and the overall well-being of their students, and it will be exciting getting to know them better throughout this selection process,” said Christine Brennan, deputy commissioner of education.

Commissioner Frank Edelblut echoed those sentiments. “Our cohort of semi-finalists are not only fostering positive learning environments, but they are motivating both their peers and

students to take risks, improve outcomes and create a sense of school community. I congratulate them for their devotion and perseverance in the classroom,” said Edelblut.

“I am thrilled to learn we have two of our educators advancing in the selection process for Teacher of the Year,” said Superintendent Jennifer Gillis of the Manchester School District. “While we are aware of the amazing teachers we have within the district, it is even more incredible to see the contributions of two of our teachers recognized at the state level. We are eager to watch the selection process progress and wish Chelsea and Nicole the very best in the balance of this process.”

A final recipient will be selected this fall. The 2025 Teacher of the Year will be New Hampshire’s entrant in the National Teacher of the Year program, which is run by the Council of Chief State School Officers.

