

South Dakota Legislature



House Commemoration 8021

Introduced by: **Representative** Schaeffbauer and **Senator** Perry

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Roncalli Middle School teacher Dan Gallagher, Aberdeen, as the 2024-2025 South Dakota Milken Educator.

WHEREAS, during a schoolwide assembly on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at Aberdeen Roncalli's middle school, South Dakota Secretary of Education Dr. Joseph Graves and Milken Educator Awards Vice President Jennifer Fuller announced Dan Gallagher as having received the prestigious Milken Educator Award along with a check for twenty-five thousand dollars; and

WHEREAS, Dan maintains high expectations for himself and his students to reach their potential, whether inspiring curiosity through project-based learning, encouraging selflessness through community service projects in Aberdeen, or teaching a service-oriented mindset; and

WHEREAS, the Milken Educator Award inspires educators, students, and communities to celebrate, elevate, and activate kindergarten through twelfth grade teachers and encourage young, capable people to pursue teaching as a career; and

WHEREAS, educators receive this distinction for their creative approach to education, service to their school and students, and long-range impact on the greater community; and

WHEREAS, Dan joins over three thousand educators who have been honored with the Milken Educator award over the award's forty-year history as the nation's preeminent teacher recognition program;

South Dakota Legislature



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the One Hundredth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Dan Gallagher is the 2024-2025 South Dakota Milken Educator and has made a positive impact on the lives of his students and community.