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District wellness program earns excellence award

Program to promote healthy and fit adult role models wins another award



School board and superintendent with Dr. Gail with her Golden Apple award

Everett Public Schools Board of Directors congratulated “Dr. Gail” and the Employee Wellness Program for having earned a 2014 *Golden Apple* award from the [Healthy Worksite Summit](#). The award recognizes the district’s Wellness Coordinator Gail Buquicchio for her work to promote physical fitness and health among school district employees.

Since 1989, the Healthy Worksite Summit has recognized public and private worksites with the *Golden Apple* award for exemplary employee wellness programs.

In that time, 62 different organizations have been given golden apples. Only two school districts have ever been among the organizations earning this honor – Spokane School District and Seattle Archdiocese Schools.

The Wellness Program is no stranger to awards for its efforts to improve health and wellness of employees – and thus save health insurance dollars and substitute teacher costs. The American Heart Association has deemed the district a *Fit Friendly Workplace* three years in a row. Dr. Gail Buquicchio is a frequent speaker and advocate for workplace wellness programs because of her leadership of the program in this district.

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