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NEW 200 Foundation Pizza Palooza to Recognize Three District 200 Teachers
April 13 Event Will Raise Funds for Classroom Technology

The public is invited to attend the NEW 200 Foundation's first Pizza Palooza on Monday, April 13 from 6–8 pm at Wheaton Warrenville South High School (1993 Tiger Trail). Admission to the fundraiser is \$8 for advance sale tickets and \$10 at the door for adults; \$5 for advance sale tickets and \$6 at the door for children between the ages of 3 and 10; and no charge for children aged two and younger. Advance sale tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.tinyurl.com/mp3kfr6>.

As part of the admission fee, guests can enjoy a variety of pizzas from several local restaurants. Pizza Palooza also includes raffle items, a silent auction, and musical selections performed by student groups. Proceeds from the evening will go towards improving classroom technology. The public also is invited to participate in the auction by placing online bids via Palooza.myab.co.

At 7 pm, the NEW 200 Foundation will present this year's Distinguished Teacher Awards to three District 200 teachers. Nominated by district students, parents/guardians, alumni, staff, or members of the community, the awards recognize educators who enrich the educational experiences of District 200 students. The 10th annual Distinguished Teacher Award recipients are Matt Scheffler of Wheaton Warrenville South High School; Donna Kozica of Hubble Middle School, and Megan Bostrom of Whittier Elementary School.

“We hope that district families will join us for delicious pizza and to honor some our district's finest educators all while helping to ensure that our children have access to the latest classroom technology,” said Pamela Paulsen, president of the board of directors of the NEW 200 Foundation.

The restaurants participating in Pizza Palooza include Brick's, Chick-fil-A, Evviva-College Avenue, Gino's East, Jack Straw's, Lou Malnati's, Nancy's, and Rosati's. The event is sponsored by Ackerman Insurance, a representative of Meemic Insurance, which was founded by teachers and has served the educational community for over 60 years.

With budget cuts in educational funding at the state and district level, the NEW 200 Foundation is a not-for-profit organization which raises funds to help bridge the gap between District 200 revenue limitations and the desire to expand educational opportunities for all our students. The foundation works in collaboration with the district to award grants to teachers for innovative classroom teaching methods and classroom technology. NEW 200 is an acronym for Network for Educational Excellence in Wheaton-Warrenville for District 200, which serves more than 13,400 students.

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