Matt Walton Golden Apple Recipient October 20, 2003

Matt Walton has been an English teacher at Soldotna High School for nine years; prior to moving to the Kenai Peninsula, Matt taught in Arizona.

Mr. Walton sets high standards for all of his students; he uses research-based teaching practices that require his students to master English skills they will use for the rest of their lives. Matt connects with "at risk" students; he has boundless energy, effective communication skills and a natural rapport with students.

This past August, Matt offered a two-week session at Soldotna High School allowing students to brush up on basic reading and writing skills. Students attending received the perfect opportunity to get a jump start on the upcoming school year. Matt offers students the chance to receive after-school tutoring, on a daily basis, and has extended a helping hand to students that need extra attention to pass the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam.

On behalf of the entire education community, we, the Board of Education thank Matt Walton for his outstanding service and for going the extra mile to assist the students of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.