



## Congratulations Bryant Elementary Special Education Team! 2023 Dr. Dawn Gallup Honor Recipient



This year our Dr. Dawn Gallup Honor Recipient is the special education team at Bryant Elementary in the Ann Arbor Public Schools. The team consists of Amy Satchwell, Charlene Mangi, Cayte Moutard, Melissa Vella, Kathy Gaines, and Kristen Baryo.

The Bryant elementary special education team has used the strategies of Universal Design for Learning on a school wide level to ensure that all students in their kindergarten-2nd grade building have access to accommodations and environmental modifications; which include: implementing building wide sensory support boxes for every classroom with staff training to use the supports proactively, and providing modeling and coaching of evidence-based practices to improve student engagement.

Additionally, the Bryant team has gone above and beyond in their support of one particular student who had a high level of complex needs by: creating a personal learning environment with embedded supports for the student to go to when needed, teaming three days per week regarding individualized academics, communication systems, and behavior management/ social emotional learning needs to make sure all staff are on the same page.

The team at Bryant Elementary has a collaborative team approach for all the students who walk into their doors to make sure they can participate in all aspects of education, and will go to any length to see their students succeed.