The 2017 recipient of the NYS AHPERD Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award is Donn Tobin.

Donn has been a physical education teacher at Lakeview Elementary School in the Mahopac Central School District for the past 20 years and is an adjunct professor at Manhattanville College. He believes a quality physical education program must be aligned with both the New York State Physical Education Learning Standards, as well as the SHAPE America National Standards. Donn feels strongly that fitness must be a fundamental part of the PE curriculum. He uses innovative teaching methods, including a “spiral-themed” curriculum, individual task choices in class, and a behavior system that creates a positive environment of trust and cooperation in the classroom. In service to NYS AHPERD, Donn has been an active member of the Southeastern Zone currently serving as their president-elect. At the state level Donn has served in numerous capacities including president of the Elementary/Middle School Physical Education Section, co-chair of our annual 5 K Race, is chairman of our new Podcast Committee and he recently served as secretary of the Executive Council. He has been honored with the Elementary/Middle School Physical Education Section and the Southeastern Zone Amazing Person Awards. Donn’s principal shares, “Donn is committed to his own growth as an educator, as exampled by his continued innovation in the classroom. He remains committed to connecting physical education to all core content areas and has embraced the addition of technology into his program. Donn’s many contributions illustrate his passion for education.”

President Wolfe, it is my honor to present to you the recipient of the 2017 Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award, Donn Tobin.