The 2017 recipient of the Director of the Year Award is Drew Walker.

Drew has been the director of health, physical education and athletics for 19 years at Hampton Bays Union Free School District. He was an integral part of the development of Hampton Bays successful physical education program. He was the driving force behind shaping their current curriculum, which offers 24 different activities at the high school. This program expansion was due to Drew’s leadership and vision. Drew’s priority is to ensure each student experiences highly effective instruction and understands the connection between physical activity and lifelong health and wellness. When his district was upgrading the school facilities, Drew was unwavering in his pursuit to make optimum use of the outdoor court space. He shared his insight and designs for the athletic complex that has now given the community a renewed sense of pride. Drew wears many hats in his district including, chairman of the Schoolwide Wellness Committee, and director of transportation and outside facilities. In service to NYS AHPERD at the zone level he served as president of Suffolk Zone, he was treasurer, chairperson for the Student Leadership Awards ceremonies, and organized two Suffolk Zone conferences. Drew is also a long time supportive member of the Council of Administrators. A colleague states, “Drew is an inspiration to those like me, who seek out his mentorship, feed off his passion, and appreciate his soft-spoken demeanor and knowledge. He has distinguished himself by his hard work and his ability to motivate and support his teachers. He is their biggest champion.” President Wolfe, it is my honor to present to you the recipient of the Council of Administrators Director of the Year Award, Drew Walker.