

Rick Erickson Biography

Rick Erickson, Retired Teacher, Bayfield High School (Wisconsin)

Rick Erickson retired in 2024 after 40 years of teaching chemistry, physics, and alternative education - the last thirty in northern Wisconsin at Bayfield High School where he utilizes community partnerships to develop experiential, place-based, real-world learning opportunities. He was the 2014 Wisconsin High School Teacher of the Year and Wisconsin's recipient of the 2017 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Rick and his wife, Lorie, were recipients of a 2019 NEA Human and Civil Rights Award for their efforts fostering an environment within their school community where Native American culture is respected and appreciated by all.