

POINT PLEASANT SCHOOLS

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To: All Staff Members
From: Robert H. Alfonse
Date: February 13, 2012
Re: Governor's Teacher Recognition Program – 2012

The Governor's Teacher Recognition Program is an excellent opportunity for school systems and their communities to recognize exemplary teaching. According to the Program guidelines, we are able to recognize one teacher or one educational services professional* from each of our four schools. Award recipients will be recognized at a county level ceremony in May.

The Criteria for Selection of Teachers is as follows:

- use of effective instructional techniques and methods;
- establishment of productive classroom climate and rapport with students; and,
- development of feelings of self-worth and love of learning in students.

The Criteria for Selection of Educational Services Professionals is as follows:

- positive interactions with students, staff, and parents while functioning as frontline advocate for the student between home and school;
- fostering an appropriate environment for learning and exploring creative alternatives to enable all students to achieve to their fullest potential;
- supporting classroom instruction by addressing the educational, social and emotional needs of all students; and,
- personal interactions with students that demonstrate professionalism while retaining respect, humor, compassion and concern for the whole child.

In addition, in alignment with the Department of Education's Strategic Plan, the following criteria should be considered:

- use of creativity, innovation and efficiency in the classroom;
- ability to increase student achievement of the Core Curriculum Content Standards through a learning-focused environment;
- ability to contribute to the quality of the professional development in their district; and;
- ability to utilize educational technology in an effective and efficient manner.

I would appreciate your input into the selection process by nominating one of your teaching/educational services professional colleagues. I know the nomination and selection processes will be difficult for a system such as ours that is characterized by excellence in teaching. Should you choose to complete a nomination, please provide the information requested on the attached form and return to my office by February 24, 2012. It is important that your nomination reference the nominee's skills relative to the criteria established by the State. For your convenience, I have attached a list of the prior year recipients.

* Educational Services Professionals: Associate Educational Media Specialist; Athletic Trainer; Coordinator: Apprentice Programs; Coordinator: Cooperative Industrial Education Programs; Director of Student Personnel Services; Educational Media Specialist; Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant; Professional Librarian; Reading Specialist; School Nurse; School Occupational Therapist; School Physical Therapist; School Psychologist; School Social Worker; Speech-Language Specialist; Student Personnel Services; Substance Awareness Coordinator; Teacher-Coordinator, Cooperative Vocational-Technical Education Programs.

Governor's Teacher Recognition Award Winners

2011

Barbara Fearick
Tracy Ferm
John McAllen
Lauren Rodriguez

2010

Stacey Camilleri
Chip Nied
Mary Orrok
Diane Podesta

2009

Gayle Bergin
Ellen Keelan
Leigh Smargiassi
Patricia Tranger

2008

Marcie Bradley
Katie Kesler
Melissa Stendardo
Hartley Zusi

2007

John Hogan
Ellen Santos
Gene Sible
Stephanie Smith

2006

Walt Currie
Kristin Eitner
Alice Minervino
Jennifer Nolan

2005

Kathleen Aronis
Katherine Clapp
Derek Hulse
Kelly Quabeck

2004

Anna Kushner
Amy Miele
Naomi Switzer
Heather Walker

2003

Donald Deacon
Elaine Koeppen
Gina Martin
Carolyn Perkins

2002

James Hoffmaster
Heather Karagias
Deanna Tahan
Paige Towey

2001

Susan Fleming
Patricia Mclver
Theresa Wilson
Leslie Yetman

2000

Susan Bariletto
Judy Schaller
Bruce Seyfried
Cynthia Todd

1999

Jennifer Bollenbach
Linda Bottger
Maureen DePolo
William Moore

1998

Karen Campion
Lynn Lockwood
Judith Pehanick
Eileen Wilkinson

1997

Richard Berardi
Mary Fleming
Ronald Horback
Judith Larkin

1996

Loretta Amos
Eleanor Hughes
Marie Myers
Carol Youngster

1995

Edith DeLeon
Anne Paleoxaris
Christine Rennick
Ann Speiser

1994

Cheryl Glenn
Elizabeth Ketchersid
Ronald Krayl
Jacquelyn Moore

1993

Diane Kupisioski
Bruce Lenart
Jane Millar
Johanna Studdiford

1992

Noreen Beirne
Lisa DeBari
Madeline Fedak
Myrtle Stavres

1991

Ruth Churchill
Marion Simmons
Linda Van Duyn

1990

Corinne Brennan
Carol Clark
Marjorie Watson

1989

Michael Billas
Loren Donely
Irene McHugh
Lee Sharpe

1988

Lynda Cinotti
Carol-Lou Lovgren
Richard Morris
Nancy Ruben

1987

Dorothy Brouillette
Hillary Calabrese
Loren Duddy
Elizabeth Nelson

1986

Linda Fieros
Sandy Lattimer
Connie Maas
Mary Lou Spiekermann



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Nomination Form

Nominee: _____

School: _____

Reason(s) for Nomination: (relate to criteria where possible)

Name: _____
(optional)