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FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: 2019 Washington State Teacher of the Year Statewide Call for Nominations

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WASHINGTON'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

Every year Teacher of the Year celebrates the hard work and dedication of public school teachers and selects one outstanding educator to serve as the Washington State Teacher of the Year.

All public, full-time teachers who spend at least 50 percent of their time in a classroom setting and plan to keep teaching through the 2019–20 school year are eligible. Anyone can submit a nomination. Nominees must complete the online application if they want to be considered for the award.

Washington's educational service districts (ESDs) review completed applications and select one regional finalist each. Washington's Teacher of the Year program is guided by criteria set by the National Teacher of the Year program:

1. The teacher has the respect and admiration of their colleagues.
2. The teacher is an expert in their field who guides students of all backgrounds and abilities to achieve excellence.
3. The teacher collaborates with colleagues, students, and families to create a school culture of respect and success.
4. The teacher deliberately connects the classroom and key stakeholders to foster a strong community at large.

5. The teacher demonstrates leadership and innovation in and outside of the classroom walls that embodies lifelong learning.
6. The teacher expresses themselves in an engaging and articulate way.

Regional finalists are honored and the state winner is announced at a fall awards ceremony. Regional finalists and the state winner receive awards from program sponsors, attend a leadership retreat and other professional development opportunities. The 2019 State Teacher of the Year will serve as a Teacher-in-Residence January–June 2019. They will be relieved of their full-time teaching responsibilities to travel the state and meet with education stakeholders to advocate for and strengthen the teaching profession.

The nomination deadline is March 1. Nominated teachers have until April 1 to complete an application. For more information or to nominate, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2019ToYNom>.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

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