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MEMORANDUM

To: Superintendents, Principals, Teachers, and Other Interested Parties
From: Mitchell D. Chester, Ed.D., Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education
Date: December 1, 2009
Subject: 2010 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

I am pleased to announce that nominations are open for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). The PAEMST Program was established in 1983 by the White House and is sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF). The program identifies outstanding mathematics and science teachers, kindergarten through 12th grade, in each state and the four U.S. jurisdictions. These teachers will serve as models for their colleagues and will be leaders in the improvement of science and mathematics education.

The competition alternates year by year between teachers of grades K-6 and teachers of grades 7-12. Teachers of grades K-6 mathematics and science are eligible for nomination for the 2010 Presidential Awards. Teachers of grades 7-12 will be eligible for the 2011 Presidential Awards.

In order to apply for the 2010 PAEMST, a teacher must be nominated. Anyone (e.g., superintendents, principals, teachers, students, and other members of the general public) may nominate a teacher. Self-nominations will also be accepted.

Each Presidential Awardee will receive a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation and gifts from donors. Each Awardee will also be invited to attend, along with a guest, recognition events in Washington, D.C., in 2011.

I have enclosed a nomination form for you to copy and distribute. **The deadline for nominations is Thursday, April 1, 2010.** Nominations may also be made by going to www.paemst.org. For further information, contact Deborah Walker at djwalker@doe.mass.edu or call 781-338-3347.

Presidential Awards of Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching 2010 Massachusetts Nomination Form

I nominate the following teacher for the 2010 Presidential Award:

Teacher's Name			___ Grades K-6 Mathematics
School Name			___ Grades K-6 Science
School Address			Telephone Number
City	State	Zip	E-Mail Address

I can be contacted at:

Name			
Mailing Address			Telephone Number
City	State	Zip	E-Mail Address

How did you come to know the nominee's work? **Attach additional page if needed.**

<input type="checkbox"/> I am a superintendent/district level official. <input type="checkbox"/> I am the principal/school level official. <input type="checkbox"/> I am a teacher at the same school/district of the nominee. <input type="checkbox"/> I am a former PEAMST Awardee or State Finalist. <input type="checkbox"/> I am a student or past student of the nominee. <input type="checkbox"/> I am a parent of a student of the nominee. <input type="checkbox"/> I am a member of the community who knows the nominee professionally/personally.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am the nominee (self-nomination) <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please describe:
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How did you hear about the Presidential Awards?

Eligibility

<input type="checkbox"/> Conference presentation/exhibit <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter or List-serve announcement <input type="checkbox"/> PAEMST Website <input type="checkbox"/> Brochure <input type="checkbox"/> Won the Presidential Award/was a State Finalist <input type="checkbox"/> Know a previous Presidential Awardee/State Finalist <input type="checkbox"/> Media coverage of Awardee/State Finalists <input type="checkbox"/> Massachusetts ESE Website, Mailing, Contact <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Deadline for nominations is Thursday, April 1, 2010.	<input type="checkbox"/> Nominees must teach mathematics or science at the K-6 th grade level in a public or private school. <input type="checkbox"/> Nominees must be teachers in one of the 50 States or four U.S. jurisdictions (Washington, DC, Puerto Rico, Department of Defense Schools, and the U.S. Territories as a group). <input type="checkbox"/> Nominees must hold at least a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. <input type="checkbox"/> Nominees must be a full-time employee of the school or district as determined by state and district policies, and teach at least 50% of the time. <input type="checkbox"/> Nominees must have at least 5 years of full-time, K-12 teacher experience prior to the 2009-2010 academic school year. <input type="checkbox"/> Nominees must not have received the PAEMST Award at the national level in any prior competition or category.
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Please submit this nomination to

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