

CITY OF BOSTON



March 1, 2012

Dear Friends of the Boston Public Schools:

We are delighted to announce that our annual Boston Educators of the Year event has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 5 at the Citi Performing Arts Center/Wang Theatre. At that time, we will publicly honor a select group of educators – teachers, paraprofessionals, nurses, therapists, and others –who have made a unique contribution to their students, to their classrooms, and to their schools.

Each year we are impressed by the quality and breadth of the nominated individuals and by all who participate in the process. We know that you work with a number of terrific educators and ask that you please take the time to help with the nomination process. In conjunction with your school community, could you *please select those individuals who best meet the criteria as outlined on the enclosed form?*

It would be most helpful if you could also include additional letters and information to support your nomination(s). Letters from parents and co-workers are particularly useful, though form letters are not.

*At your earliest convenience, but no later than **April 9**, please fill out the attached form electronically and send it to BostonEducators@cityofboston.gov. An independent committee composed of parents, teachers, and community leaders will make the final selections.*

We welcome you to join us on June 5 to celebrate our 2012 winners. Closer to the day, we will provide more information. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in recognizing outstanding educators and for once again helping to make this celebration a great success.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Thomas M. Menino in black ink.

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor of Boston

Handwritten signature of Gregory G. Groover in black ink.

Gregory G. Groover
Chair, Boston School Committee

Handwritten signature of Carol R. Johnson in black ink.

Carol R. Johnson
Superintendent, Boston Public Schools

Handwritten signature of Richard Stutman in black ink.

Richard Stutman
President, Boston Teachers Union



BOSTON EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR

Only one form per educator is necessary, but additional letters of support are welcomed. Please email to: Bostoneducators@cityofboston.gov by April 9.

Nominator Information:

Nominator's name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Phone _____ E-mail: _____

Educator Information:

Name: _____

School: _____

Home address: _____

Home phone: _____ Email: _____

of years in BPS: _____ # of years at the School: _____
Must have completed 3 years.

Grade, subject, and/or program: _____

Support for your nominee must be secured from the following (please name):

Principal/Headmaster: _____

School Site Council Co-Chair: _____

BTU Representative: _____

Reasons for Nomination:

Award Winners:

- Have demonstrated a deep commitment to the students, to their school as a whole, and to their subject matter;
- Have shown a willingness to adapt to changes in teaching and learning and working with children of all abilities;
- Have reached out to parents;
- Have “gone above and beyond” and have taken on additional responsibilities (such as mentoring and helping others, engaging in extra-curricular activities, working with the local community, or furthering their own professional development);
- Teach with creativity, innovation, passion, and depth;
- Have worked in the Boston Public Schools for at least three years and have clearly developed an enthusiasm for teaching Boston Public School children.

Please comment, giving concrete examples that reflect the criteria below, on why you believe this individual should be honored.

Please e-mail form and letters of support to: BostonEducators@cityofboston.gov by 4/9

If you are unable to e-mail, please send letters to:

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Questions? Please call Martha at 617-635-4476