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Dear Education Partner,

You know the difference an outstanding educator or support staff member can make in a child’s life – it happens every day in schools across the province. I think others should know about those special people.

That is why the Ministry of Education created the Premier’s Awards for Teaching Excellence – to recognize outstanding educators and support staff in Ontario’s publicly funded schools and boards each and every year.

I have been truly inspired by the recipients of the Premier’s Awards. To date, we have honoured 58 recipients in all categories. They have amazing stories to tell – and they go back to their communities energized and motivated to help more students.

I am hoping you will help continue to build that energy by telling your community about the Premier’s Awards. Encourage them to nominate exceptional educators and support staff – people who make a difference to students, schools, school boards/authorities and their communities.

This year, we have introduced two nomination forms: one for the individual nominee categories and one for the group nominee category, Team of the Year. The Team of the Year nomination form reduces the amount of work the nominator needs to do to complete the form. Teams are comprised of two to ten members.

Our nomination deadline this year is February 1, 2010.

Thank you for promoting the Premier’s Awards for Teaching Excellence.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Wynne
Minister of Education

To learn more about the Premier’s Awards and download electronic versions of the promotional materials and nomination forms, please visit ontario.ca/teachingawards. Also attached a graphic you can use to link your website to the Premier’s Awards site.