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TO: Principals, SIC, SCC, PTA/PTSA, Parents

SUBJECT: TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2010

FROM: Michael L. Williams, Director of Development & External Relations

This memorandum is to announce the 2010 Teacher of the Year nomination and selection process. The Salt Lake Education Foundation has approved funding to recognize those individuals who are selected as the four finalists for the Salt Lake City School District's 2010 Teacher of the Year award, as well as the individual selected to receive the award. The teacher who is selected will be the District's candidate for the State Teacher of the Year.

All Salt Lake City School District teachers who have achieved career status are eligible for consideration. Parents, students, staff, or faculty members may nominate teachers for this award.

The purpose of the program is to recognize a classroom teacher who has demonstrated a consistently outstanding contribution to the education of students attending one of Salt Lake City School District's public schools. The following criteria should be used to evaluate and guide you in the selection process:

- Inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn.
- Is an active participant in the school community and community at large.
- Merits respect and admiration of students, parents, staff, and colleagues.
- Encourages students to reach their potential.

The Salt Lake Education Foundation's selection committee will consist of five members: three Foundation members, a community member, and a District administrator, who has experience as a school principal. The initial selection committee will review the nominees and narrow the selection to the top four candidates. The four candidates will be invited to complete the official 2010 National Teacher of the Year application.

The final Foundation selection committee will consist of a newly constituted panel with the exception of the Chair of the selection committee. This committee's responsibility is to select the Salt Lake City School District's 2010 Teacher of the Year. Individual candidates will be invited to a personal interview with the committee, and the committee may elect to observe the candidates at the school during the school day. Upon receipt and acceptance of the completed application and final interview, each candidate will receive an award of $500 at an appropriate event.

The Salt Lake City School District Teacher of the Year will receive a $2,000 award in addition to the $500 award for being one of the four finalists. The award will be presented at an appropriate event.

Nominations must be received in the Office of Development & External Relations no later than March 20, 2009. Please submit the Teacher of the Year 2010 Nomination Form (not to exceed two pages) to the attention of Jeanette Hartley by fax at 801-578-8440 or by email at jeanette.hartley@slc.k12.ut.us.

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