

CITY OF BOSTON



February 26, 2009

Dear principals, teachers, parents, and BPS partners:

We could all use a little good news – and what better opportunity to cheer than our Boston Educators of the Year celebration? For the past few years, we have been thrilled to recognize outstanding educators at this annual event and have now tentatively scheduled the 2009 Boston Educators of the Year celebration for Monday, June 8. At that time, we will publicly honor a select group of Boston's exceptional educators -- teachers, paraprofessionals, nurses, therapists, and others who have made a unique contribution to their students, their classrooms, and their schools. And, as we did last year, we will also honor the winners of the Service Excellence Awards, details of which will be forthcoming.

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 3**, please fill out the attached form and either mail it to Martha Pierce, Mayor's Office, City Hall, Boston, MA 02201, or fax it to her at 617-635-2858 (phone number: 617-635-4476). Letters of support may be e-mailed to: BostonEducators@cityofboston.gov. An independent committee composed of a School Committee member, principals, teachers, and parents will make the final selections.*

We welcome you to join us in June to celebrate our 2009 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.

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor of Boston

Handwritten signature of Gregory G. Groover.

Gregory G. Groover
Chair, Boston School Committee

Handwritten signature of Carol R. Johnson.

Carol R. Johnson
Superintendent, Boston Public Schools

Handwritten signature of Richard Stutman.

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President, Boston Teachers Union