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Dear Education Colleague:

In the spring of each year, Anne Arundel County Public Schools and the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce host the Excellence in Education Awards and Dinner to honor both educators and business partnerships that have demonstrated their commitment and dedication to improving achievement at all levels for all students.

Each teacher nominee receives a commemorative award, a professional photo of their recognition on stage, and a tote bag filled with items from the event sponsors.

The winning public school teacher of the year will represent Anne Arundel County at the state teacher of the year competition. **This year's event will be held in April 2010.**

In addition to marking your calendars to share in this celebration, I encourage you to nominate up to two teachers from your school for this prestigious award. While all of our teachers work hard every day for our students, those who go "the extra mile" should be recognized as model educators in our system. It is particularly meaningful when they are nominated by their administrators, peers, parent organizations, and students.

A panel of judges comprised of educators, parents, students, and business and community groups will review the nominations and select the Teacher of the Year. All nominees are expected to attend the Excellence in Education Awards Ceremony where they will be recognized. The Teacher of the Year will be announced at the end of the program.

2010 EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS SCHEDULE

- February 1, 2010 by no later than 4 p.m. Completed nomination packets due to the Annapolis & Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce
- February 12, 2010..... Semi-Finalists notified
- March 12, 2010 Semi-Finalist packets due to the Annapolis & Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce
- Week of March 20, 2010..... Finalists announced
- March 25-26, 2010 Finalist interviews
- April 2010..... Excellence in Education Awards Ceremony:
Teacher of the Year announced*

I want to thank you in advance for being part of this celebration of educational excellence in Anne Arundel County. Should you have questions or need further information, please feel free to contact Noreen Haenn at the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce (410-266-3960 x116; nhaenn@aaacc.org), or Lois Lanier at Anne Arundel County Public Schools (410-222-2908; LLanier@aacps.org).

Sincerely,

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