



November 18, 2011

Dear Colleague:

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

Each nominated educator receives a commemorative award, a professional photo of his or her recognition on stage, and a tote bag filled with items from the event sponsors.

The Anne Arundel County Teacher of the Year will represent AACPS at the state Teacher of the Year competition. This year's event will be held on April 16, 2012, at the BWI Marriott.

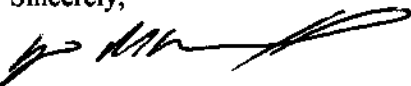
In addition to marking your calendars to share in this celebration, I encourage you to nominate up to two teachers from your school for this prestigious award. While all of our teachers work hard every day for our students, those who go "the extra mile" should be recognized as model educators in our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

A panel of judges comprised of educators, parents, students, and business and community group representatives 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.

2012 Excellence in Education Awards Schedule

January 13, 2012 by no later than 4 pm	Completed nomination packets due to the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce
January 30, 2012	Semi-Finalists notified
February 16, 2012	Semi-Finalist packets and nominations for Business Partnership Award due to the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce
Week of February 27, 2012	Finalists announced
Early March, 2012	Finalist interviews
April 16, 2012	<i>Excellence in Education Awards Ceremony Teacher of the Year announced</i>

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 (410-222-5370; LLanier@aacps.org).

Sincerely,

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