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To: All Board of Education Chairs

I am pleased to announce the launch of the 2021 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education, effective today. Following the cancellation of the 2020 Awards due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, government is once again proud to have an opportunity to recognize the enormous contributions of British Columbia's exceptional teachers, administrators and support staff that are vital to the cultural, economic and social well-being of the province. The Awards recognize all outstanding education professionals who have made exceptional contributions to benefit their school, students and their communities.

The Awards are open to all education professionals within the BC K–12 public, independent and First Nations school systems. This year, Awards will be given in the following categories:

- Community Engagement
- District Leadership
- Extracurricular Leadership
- Indigenous Education
- Outstanding New Teacher
- Outstanding Support (School Community)
- Outstanding Support (Teaching Assistant)
- Outstanding Team Collaboration
- School Leadership
- Social Equity and Diversity

Nominations are now open and are welcomed from all BC citizens, including students, parents, teachers, administrators, trustees and community organizations. The deadline for nominations is January 7, 2022.

Additional information on the Awards, including a downloadable poster, can be found on the Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education website at www.gov.bc.ca/excellenceineducation.

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Thank you in advance for your participation in promoting the Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education, and in assisting to ensure that British Columbia's very best receive the recognition that they deserve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Whiteside". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Whiteside
Minister

Enclosure



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IN EDUCATION



★ NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN ★

DO YOU KNOW

a teacher, administrator, principal, vice-principal or support worker who has made a positive impact on students and your school community?

Education professionals deserve acknowledgement for their dedication to helping students succeed.

EACH WINNER WILL RECEIVE:

- ✔ **\$3,000** taxable personal bursary for professional learning
- ✔ **\$2,000** contribution to the winner's school community for professional learning *(for Outstanding Team Collaboration category, amount will be shared if members are from more than one school community)*

RUNNERS UP WILL RECEIVE:

- ✔ **\$1,000** taxable personal bursary for professional learning
- ✔ **\$1,000** contribution to their school community for professional learning *(for Outstanding Team Collaboration category, amount will be shared if members are from more than one school community)*

NOMINATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 7, 2022

For nomination info go to: gov.bc.ca/excellenceineducation



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