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(X) Action Required
Nominations Due: March 1, 2023
Applications Due: April 1, 2023
(X) Informational

BULLETIN NO. 005-23 EDUCATOR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School Business Managers
School District Communications Staff
Elementary and Secondary School Principals
Educational Service District Teacher Award Coordinators
Educational Associations
Other Interested Parties

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Nominations Open for Teacher and Classified School Employee of the Year

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

Nominations are open for Teacher and Classified School Employee of the Year. Every year, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) recognizes Regional and State Teachers and Classified School Employees of the Year. Anyone can submit a nomination using the [Educator of the Year Nomination Form](#).

Nominees are invited to complete the application which includes essays, letters of support, and support from the applicant's school and district. Educational Service Districts (ESD) choose the regional finalists from among the completed applications. Regional finalists are considered for the state award. Selection is based on the criteria for each award which can be found on the [Teacher of the Year](#) and [Classified School Employee of the Year](#) webpages.

The nomination deadline is March 1st. Nominees must complete the application by April 1st to be considered by their ESD for their regional finalist.

Eligibility

For Teacher of the Year, any public-school teacher is eligible if:

- They teach full time and spend at least 50% of their time in a classroom setting with students.
- They plan to continue teaching through the 2024–25 school year.
- They have not previously been recognized as a State or Regional Teacher of the Year in Washington.

For Classified School Employee of the Year, any public-school classified staff is eligible if:

- They are considered a classified employee, and they are not working in an executive management position.
- They plan to continue working in education through the 2023–24 school year.
- They have not previously been recognized as a State or Regional Classified School Employee of the Year in Washington.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Hilary Seidel, Statewide Recognition Coordinator, at 360-725-6117 or email hilary.seidel@k12.wa.us. The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

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