



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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Connecticut Teacher of the Year Council
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Connecticut Teacher of the Year Program pays tribute to the profession and heightens the interest in teaching as a career. Since 1952, the program has recognized and honored teacher excellence. It does not attempt to select the "best" teacher; rather, to identify, from among many outstanding district teachers of the year, one teacher to serve as a visible and vocal representative of what is best in the profession.

The Connecticut Teacher of the Year Council is authorized by the Commissioner's Office to play an active and vital role in preserving and improving the Connecticut Teacher of the Year Program. The Council, comprised of State Department of Education Staff, Connecticut Teachers of the Year and respected members of the education community, supports the program by soliciting corporate and organizational sponsorship, managing the selection process, and coordinating the annual Connecticut Teacher of the Year Ceremony. Their work is essential to the continuing success of the Teacher of the Year Program.

The Connecticut Teacher of the Year Program is not only important to me as the Commissioner of Education, it is important to the over 100 teachers honored each year at the annual recognition ceremony, and it is important to the profession. It is respected and supported by Connecticut's Governor, legislators, school districts, and educational community and we are grateful for the corporate and organizational funding that makes the Connecticut Teacher of the Year Program possible. These sponsors allow this important program to continue and get better every year.

We offer our thanks and appreciation to those who may join us in supporting this honored and respected program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Miguel A. Cardona".

Dr. Miguel A. Cardona
Commissioner of Education

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