



**Schenectady City School District
Schenectady City School District Educational Foundation**



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To: All Teaching and Administrative Staff

From: John Yagielski/Jim Masi

Re: **Schenectady City School District Teacher of the Year Nominations 2011-2012**

The Schenectady City School District and the Schenectady City School District Educational Foundation recognizes that excellence within education begins with teachers. We are currently accepting nominations for 2011-2012 Schenectady Teacher of the Year. Think about a colleague who is deserving of acknowledgement and nominate this individual.

Criteria for Selection:

“The nominee must be an exceptionally skilled and dedicated teacher who works directly with children, at any level from pre-kindergarten through grade 12. **A minimum of five years of current teaching experience is required.**”

The nominee must have the respect and admiration of students, parents and co-workers, and must serve an active and useful role in the community, as well as in the school. Since the award carries with it an obligation to make a number of public appearances, the nominee must be poised and articulate and must possess the energy and equanimity to withstand a busy schedule. While all of these qualifications are to be considered, the most important one is a superior ability to inspire students of all backgrounds and competencies to learn.”

If you wish to nominate a teacher, please complete the attached form. **All nominees will be informed and will be asked if they wish to accept the nomination.** They will be asked to submit a resumé of professional and personal accomplishments.

A committee will select Schenectady’s Teacher of the Year.

All nominations should be sent to no later than Monday, February 27, 2012.