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Excellence in Education Awards

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Teachers are the heart of our school systems. Teachers nurture our children's inquisitive minds and prepare them for the challenges of the future. Teachers need our support and deserve our recognition. This program is a partnership between the public school system, private schools, and businesses in the Greater Renton area. It will recognize and honor teachers at the eighth annual "Ahead of the Class" awards ceremony on Tuesday, May 6, 2008.

You can be part of this exciting and important program by sending in your nomination today!

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Teachers currently working in the Renton public or private schools (K-12). Individual teachers or teams of teachers are eligible.

HOW TEACHERS ARE SELECTED

Nomination form is due by February 6, 2008

Teachers submit an application to Selection Committee by March 5, 2008

Selection Committee reviews applications, names finalists and conducts personal interviews from March 19-25, 2008

Award winners announced by March 28, 2008

The public is invited to attend this free, sponsor-hosted event at the Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center ~ 400 South 2nd, Renton May 6, 2008 ~ 7pm

WHAT SELECTED TEACHERS / TEAMS RECEIVE

A cash award of \$500

Recognition at the "Ahead of the Class" awards ceremony and dessert reception on May 6, 2008

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The "Ahead of the Class" program is a Renton Chamber of Commerce initiative to provide individuals, business, and organizations with an opportunity to invest in a brighter and better tomorrow for our young people. The program's aim is to improve the community awareness of the quality of education in the Greater Renton area by recognizing and rewarding high standards of professionalism in teaching.

SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

Anyone can nominate an educator by completing and mailing the self-addressed nomination form attached.

Nomination forms postmarked after February 6, 2008 will not be accepted.

For more information or forms call the Renton Chamber of Commerce office at 425-226-4560, or send an e-mail to kjordan@GoRenton.com

"AHEAD OF THE CLASS"

Excellence in Education Award

Nomination Form

(Please print or type)

Nominee(s) - Individual or Team Member Names (First and Last Names)

Teacher's School District and School Name

Teacher's Grade Level or Subject Area

Your Name

Your Address

Your City, State, Zip Code

Your Phone Number and email address

Your relationship to teacher:

- _____ Student
- _____ Former Student
- _____ Student's Parent
- _____ Teacher/Staff
- _____ Administrator
- _____ Other _____

*A team nomination must list all team members by name

Describe why you think this teacher or team of teachers demonstrates high standards of professionalism in education

(Use only the space provided)

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