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Applications Due: May 1, 2019
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FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: 2019 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

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BACKGROUND

Nominations are open for the 2019 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). Established in 1983, the PAEMST is the highest national honor for a K–12 mathematics or science teacher.

National awardees receive:

- A citation from the President of the United States recognizing their contributions.
- A trip to Washington, D.C. to attend recognition activities.
- A \$10,000 cash award from the National Science Foundation.

State finalists receive:

- A framed certificate.
- A scholarship to attend their regional or state conference.
- An invitation to the Governor's Reception for award-winning educators.

ELIGIBILITY, NOMINATION, AND APPLICATION

Each year the award alternates between elementary and secondary teachers. Nominations for the 2019 PAEMST are open to 7–12 mathematics and science teachers who:

- Teach science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science as part of their contracted teaching responsibilities at the 7–12 grade level in a public (including charter) or private school in Washington state.
- Hold at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
- Be full-time employees of the school or school district and provide direct instruction to students for at least 50 percent of the school's allotted instructional time.
- Have at least five years of full-time K–12 teaching experience in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science prior to the 2018–19 academic school year.
- Are U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
- Have not have received the PAEMST award at the national level in any prior competition or category.

To be considered for the PAEMST, teachers must be nominated and complete a comprehensive application. Nominations for 2019 are open through March 1, 2019. Applications for 2019 are due on May 1, 2019.

For more information about the program, including a link to the online nomination form, please visit our website at: <http://www.k12.wa.us/EducationAwards/Presidential/default.aspx>.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

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