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TO:School District Superintendents
Curriculum Directors
Instructional Coaches
Principals
Secondary Math and Science TeachersFROM:Lisa Weigel, Chief Policy OfficerDATE:November 14, 2016SUBJECT:Nominations for PAEMST Award Open

PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) are the nation's highest honors for teachers of mathematics and science (including computer science). Awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their communities, and leaders in the improvement of mathematics and science education.

This year's awards will honor mathematics and science (including computer science) teachers working in grades 7-12. The deadline for nominations is April 1, 2017. The nomination form should be completed early enough to ensure that the nominated teacher is given time to thoroughly prepare an application that reflects exemplary teaching prior to the application deadline. Teacher must meet <u>eligibility requirements</u>.

Recipients of the award receive the following:

- A certificate signed by the President of the United States
- A paid trip to Washington, D.C. to attend a series of recognition events and professional development opportunities
- A \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation
- An opportunity to build lasting partnerships with colleagues across the nation

Please consider nominating outstanding Wyoming math and science teachers for this prestigious award.

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