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- TO:School District SuperintendentsK-6 PrincipalsK-6 Math and Science Teachers
- FROM: Megan Degenfelder, Chief Policy Officer
- DATE: November 20, 2017
- SUBJECT: 2018 PAEMST Nominations Open

2018 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is the highest recognition that a K-12 mathematics or science teacher can receive in the U.S. This year's awards will honor mathematics, science, and computer science teachers working in grades K-6. Nominations close on April 1, 2018.

Enacted by Congress in 1983, this program authorizes the President to present 108 awards each year. Awards of \$10,000 are given to outstanding teachers in each of the 50 states and the four U.S. jurisdictions. These teachers are recognized for their contribution to excellence in teaching and learning, and serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their schools and communities, and leaders in the state and nation. This growing network of award-winning teachers serves as a vital national resource for the improvement of mathematics, science, and computer science education.

Three finalists will be selected in each state. Applications are forwarded to the National Science Foundation where the final selection for the national Presidential Awardee is made. Wyoming is proud to have 28 school districts who have honored teachers through PAEMST. Nominate a Wyoming teacher at <u>www.paemst.org</u>.

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