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TO: School District Superintendents
Secondary Principals
7-12 Math and Science Teachers

FROM: Kari Eakins, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: November 9, 2020

SUBJECT: 2021 PAEMST Nominations Open

NOMINATIONS OPEN: 2021 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 teachers of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM, including Computer Science) working in grades 7-12. Teachers can be nominated or may nominate themselves at this [link](#) by **March 1, 2021**.

Enacted by Congress in 1983, this program authorizes the President to present 108 awards each year. Awards of \$10,000 are given to exemplary mathematics and science 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. Awardees 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 and science education.

As PAEMST embarks on more than 35 years of honoring exemplary teachers, 30 Wyoming school districts have had teachers honored with this award. Anyone, from principals, teachers, parents, students, or members of the general public, may nominate a teacher. Teachers may also apply directly. Visit www.paemst.org for more information.

The deadline for all nominations is March 1, 2021. Following nominations, nominees will need to complete an application by April 1, 2021. Early nominations are encouraged.

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