

MEMORANDUM NO. 2021-099

- TO: School District Superintendents Elementary School Principals Curriculum Directors K-6 Teachers
- FROM: Kari Eakins, Chief Policy Officer
- **DATE:** August 23, 2021
- SUBJECT: 2022 PAEMST Nominations Open

NOMINATIONS OPEN: 2022 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) 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 K-6. Teachers can nominate themselves or be nominated. To nominate a teacher use this link. Nominations close on January 7, 2022.

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 <u>www.paemst.org</u> for more information.

While the nomination deadline is **January 7, 2022**, the application deadline is **February 6, 2022**. Early nominations are encouraged to provide ample time for the nominee to complete the application process.

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