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A Call for Nominations: Seeking Community Recommendations to Honor Region's Leading Educators

Outstanding Educator Awards nomination window open until April 9, 2025

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. – Northwest Education Services (North Ed), in collaboration with Traverse Connect and TBA Credit Union, is seeking nominations from the community and school districts in the five-county region for outstanding educators, administrators and educational support staff.

Since 1984, the Outstanding Educator Awards have recognized hundreds of teachers, administrators and school support staff throughout Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau counties for their exceptional contributions toward the education of students.

Schools and community members are encouraged to nominate outstanding individuals from local public, private and parochial school districts. Nominees should have a minimum of five years of experience in education, contribute to the academic success of students, connect learning with community engagement, and work collaboratively with educators throughout the North Ed service area to support teaching and learning. Each nomination must include a letter of support from the nominee's supervisor and supporting documents from colleagues, school parents and students. A panel of judges will review the letters of support in selecting the 2025 honorees. **Nominations are due April 9, 2025.**

Eligibility guidelines and nomination forms are available on the North Ed website at <https://www.northwested.org/spotlights/outstanding-educator-award-program/>.

An awards ceremony will be held at the City Opera House in Traverse City on Wednesday, June 4. For further information about the regional Outstanding Educator Awards, contact Heather Jewell, Communications Specialist, at 231.922.6222 or hjewell@NorthwestEd.org

Nomination form:

https://www.northwested.org/downloads/communication_files/nomination_form_oea_fillable_form.pdf