



December 2016

Re: 2017 Inclusive Education Practices Award

Dear Parents and Guardians:

ISD 191 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) has established an annual award to recognize outstanding school staff who work to ensure students with disabilities have inclusive education opportunities in the Burnsville-Eagan-Savage Schools.

They would like to invite you to submit a nominee for the 6th annual Inclusive Education Practices Award. The nomination information (directions and nomination form) is attached. It is also located on the district website www.isd191.org

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at scorbey@isd191.org or 952-707-6261.

Submission Deadline: Friday, February 24, 2017

Regards,

Stephanie Corbey

Stephanie Corbey, Executive Director
Individualized Student Services



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ISD 191 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) has established an annual award to recognize outstanding school staff whose work ensures inclusive education opportunities for students with disabilities in the Burnsville-Eagan-Savage Schools.

SEAC is a district advisory council comprised of parents, community members, school staff, and administrators. Its charge is to advise the special education department on policy and program planning. They are committed to the District's mission of "Empower Learning, Energize Achievement, Embrace Community - Each Student Real-World-Ready". SEAC also supports the District's Core Values and believes that Inclusive Education naturally flows from those values. Inclusive Education is:

- children with all abilities participating and learning together
- ensuring that each and every student feels welcome and that their unique needs and learning styles are attended to and valued
- the realization of community membership and greater opportunities for academic and social achievement for all students

SEAC is looking for school staff that put the qualities and words of the ISD 191 Strategic Roadmap - Expectations, Respect, Integrity, and Partnership - into action in support of Inclusive Education Practices. For this reason, SEAC is sponsoring the 6th Annual Inclusive Education Practices Award.

Possible Award Recipients:

1) **Individuals** - educators - general/special educators; special education service providers - nurses, psychologists, social workers, OTs, speech pathologists, DAPE teachers, etc.; support staff- education assistants (MEAs), cultural liaisons, custodians, clerical staff, food service staff, administrators, and others.

2) **School Teams** - a group of school/program staff.

Who can submit a nomination?

Parents, students, school staff, administrators, or community members

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Send nominations to: Individualized Student Services, Attn: Andrea Sieber, Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District #191, 200 West Burnsville Parkway, Burnsville, MN 55337, fax: 952-707-6262 or email: asieber@isd191.org

Criteria for Nomination and Selection:

The individual or school team:

- Encourages and facilitates development of social interactions/ friendships among peers
- Provides leadership in sharing the values/goals of inclusive education
- Encourages development of students' self-determination/self-advocacy/self-sufficiency skills
- Designs instruction and delivery models that enable students to access the general education curriculum using adaptations, modifications, specialized methodologies, and collaborative program designs.

Nomination Packet Includes:

1. Completed nomination form
2. Letter of support and/or documentation supporting individual or group/team

Selection Notification:

The award winner (s) will be announced in March.

Previous Award Winners

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| 2011 | Mark Riggs | Burnsville High |
| 2012 | Leanne Banks | Eagle Ridge Middle School |
| 2013 | Barbara Gierada | William Byrne Elementary |
| 2014 | Lori Haggerty | Rahn Elementary |
| 2015 | Oluwatoni (Toni) Adedeji | Sioux Trail Elementary |

ISD #191

2017 Inclusive Education Practices Award Nomination Form

_____ **Individual**

_____ **Group/Team**

(If applicable use back side for additional names)

NOMINEE(S)

Name(s): _____

School/Building: _____

Position: _____

Phone: (w) _____ (h) _____

Email: _____

NOMINATED BY:

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Email: _____

Phone: (main) _____ (c) _____

1. Describe how the nominee has encouraged and facilitated development of social interactions/ friendships among peers.

2. Describe how the nominee has provided leadership in sharing the values/goals of inclusive education.

3. Describe how the nominee has encouraged development of students' self-determination/self-advocacy/self-sufficiency skills.

4. Describe how the nominee has designed instruction and delivery models that enable student access to the general education curriculum using adaptations, modifications, specialized methodologies, and collaborative program designs.

If necessary, use other side of form