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Regional School Board

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Education Week

April 19-25, 2015

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Schools as Communities: Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.

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This year's theme, *Schools as Communities: Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.*, focuses on honouring educators who work to support student development by engaging the community through service learning, community projects and co-operative education. It also acknowledges the important role that local and regional community organizations play in quality public education.

Schools are the pillars of our communities. They are bricks and mortar that come to life to form a vibrant meeting place to serve the needs of students and the community. *Schools as Communities* is the idea that schools aren't a part of the community but the embodiment of the community. While schools are places of learning, they also serve as centres for social activism, democratic debate, sporting events and spiritual awakening. *Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors* recognizes the important role that teachers, education partners and our schools play in our communities and our society. Behind every good school are the teachers and staff that help to make a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

Guidelines for Submitting an Excellent Nomination

To further your nominee's chance of receiving an award, please consider the following guidelines when preparing your submission. A clear and concise nomination submission will assist the provincial Education Week Committee in making informed decisions.

Your nomination submission consists of one Nomination Form and one letter outlining how the teacher:

- Exemplifies the Provincial Education Week theme.
- Goes "above and beyond" their prescribed duties in advancing the Provincial Education Week theme.
- Uses unique teaching methods or strategies to promote the development of skills and knowledge related to the Provincial Education Week theme.

If the teacher also contributes to their school community or home community in a way that promotes the Provincial Education Week theme, or has received an award or a grant for their work or a special project, it would be helpful to include this information as well.

It is always helpful to have additional letters of support from a colleague, a parent or a student.



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Nomination Form

Nominee: _____

Position/Title (if applicable): _____

Nominee's Mailing Address: _____

Nominee's Phone (Home): _____ (Work): _____

How does this teacher exemplify the theme *Schools as Communities*? (100-150 words.
Please refer to the attached guidelines.)

Please ensure that your nominee is aware of this submission.

Nominated by: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to nominee (i.e. colleague, student, parent, supervisor):

**Nominations must be received by
Debbie Buott-Matheson, CCRSB Communications Manager
no later than Friday, February 20, 2015**

Please submit to buottmathesond@ccrsb.ca, by school mail or fax: 902-897-8989.