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To: Parents/Guardians of students in special education

From: Linda Turner
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Date: January 4, 2022

Re: Parent/Guardian nomination form for the 2022 Special Education staff of the year.

Special Education Programs would like to honor an individual who works in the Special Education field and has touched the life of a student. A parent/guardian can nominate any staff member working with students in special education including but not limited to: teachers, paraprofessionals, speech therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, special education directors, etc. Please see the attached nomination form.

These forms may be mailed to the address at the bottom of this form or emailed to Melissa Bothun at Melissa.Bothun@state.sd.us. Please have all entries returned by February 11, 2022. The winner of this award will receive free registration for the 2022 Special Education Conference being held in Sioux Falls, SD March 15-16, 2022. The recognition award will be presented during the awards luncheon to be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 from 12:30-1:30pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Bothun at Melissa.Bothun@state.sd.us

South Dakota Parent/Guardian Nominated Special Education Staff of the Year Award

Nomination Form

Special Education Staff Nominee Information:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Position: _____

District Name: _____

School Name: _____

Describe what the special education staff nominee does to provide exemplary services to
your student: _____

Parent/Guardian Nominator information:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please send nominations to: Melissa Bothun, 800 Governors Drive, Pierre SD, 57501 or by email to Melissa.Bothun@state.sd.us