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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Superintendents, Principals, Teachers, and Other Interested Parties  
**From:** Mitchell D. Chester, Ed.D., Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education  
**Date:** December 1, 2009  
**Subject:** 2010-2011 Massachusetts Teacher of the Year Program

It is again time to solicit nominations for the Massachusetts Teacher of the Year Program. This is the 48<sup>th</sup> year of participation in this nationwide program.

The Teacher of the Year should be an exemplary educator who demonstrates professionalism, leadership, excellent communication skills, and an outstanding and measurable commitment to student achievement and to the teaching profession.

Anyone can nominate a teacher, including administrators, teachers, parents, students and/or community members. To do so, send a letter to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education by Friday, February 5, 2010, explaining why that teacher should be considered. Once the nomination letter is received, the teacher will be sent an application form to complete.

The Massachusetts Teacher of the Year will share his/her expertise with educators and students, community members and others on a limited basis in the evenings, on weekends, and during the summer while maintaining regular classroom responsibilities.

Teachers who are selected as Massachusetts Teacher of the Year finalists and semifinalists will be included in a pool of outstanding educator talent, who may be called upon to assist the Department on various review panels.

We are making every effort to see that as many teachers as possible are nominated. Public school teachers from all geographic areas, every ethnic and racial group, veteran teachers or newcomers may be considered for nomination.

I have enclosed a flyer for you to distribute. **The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 5, 2010.**



# Nominate a Great Teacher for 2010-2011 Massachusetts Teacher of the Year!



The Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education & Hannaford Supermarkets are inviting your nominations of public school teachers who deserve to be recognized in the Massachusetts Teacher of the Year Program. **Anyone (students, parents, colleagues, administrators, etc.) can submit a nomination.**

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### For nominations please include:

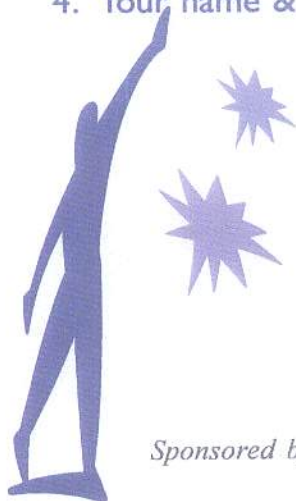
1. First and last names of the teacher being nominated;
2. Name and address of the teacher's school;
3. A statement explaining why the teacher deserves recognition; and
4. Your name & address.

**PLEASE SEND  
NOMINATIONS  
TO**

The Teacher of the  
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