



**MINISTER
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To: Chairs of School Boards
Superintendents of School Divisions
Principals of Schools (Kindergarten to Grade 12)
Presidents of Advisory Councils for School Leadership/Parent Councils

Dear Colleagues:

Subject: Manitoba's Celebration of Excellence in Teaching — 2014-2015 Minister's Awards

Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning is pleased to launch the ninth annual *Minister's Awards* to recognize and to celebrate outstanding teachers and school administrators. The awards highlight innovative and exemplary practices that contribute to student engagement and achievement.

I would like to invite school trustees, superintendents, principals, teacher colleagues, students and parents to nominate exceptional educators in their community who are deserving of an award. While the awards acknowledge the quality of the work of all educators, we believe that they provide an excellent opportunity to highlight their contributions in the areas of numeracy, literacy, career development and in Senior Technology Education.

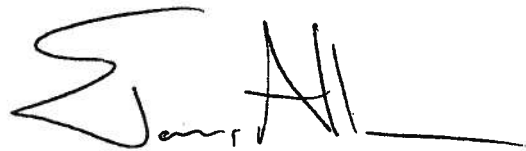
Awards will be presented in the following four categories: *Teaching Excellence*, *Outstanding New Teacher*, *Team Collaboration*, and *Outstanding School Leader*. Each award recipient will receive a certificate of recognition and a \$500 cash award.

Enclosed you will find an information brochure and a poster. Complete information on the nomination process and all necessary forms are available online at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/excellence/. The submission deadline for nominations is December 10, 2014.

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We know that educators seldom seek public acknowledgement for the valuable work they accomplish on a daily basis. We welcome you to this opportunity to celebrate and to praise the work of Manitoba's outstanding educators whose exemplary contributions enhance student learning and achievement.

Sincerely,

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James Allum
Minister of Education and
Advanced Learning

Enclosures

- c. Manitoba School Boards Association
- Manitoba Teachers' Society
- Manitoba Association of School Superintendents
- Manitoba Association of School Business Officials
- Council of School Leaders
- Manitoba Association of Parent Councils
- Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools