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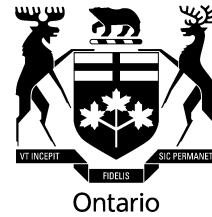
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Dear Principal,

You already know the difference an outstanding educator or support staff member can make in a child's life – you see it happen every day. I think others should know about those special people too.

That is why the Ministry of Education created the **Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence** – to recognize outstanding educators and support staff in Ontario.

To recognize the unique role that registered early childhood educators play in helping children and young students, this year we are delighted to introduce two new awards: Early Childhood Educator of the Year and Full-Day Kindergarten Team of the Year.

To date, we have honoured a total of 126 recipients. They have amazing stories to tell – and they go back to their communities energized and motivated to help more children and students. I'm hoping you will help continue to build that energy.

Our nomination deadline this year is February 6, 2012.

You can help us promote the awards by:

- Sharing this information with your school community
- Joining our online conversations at [Facebook.com/ONteachingawards](https://www.facebook.com/ONteachingawards) and [Twitter.com/OntarioEDU](https://twitter.com/OntarioEDU)
- Distributing and posting promotional materials. You can find the nomination form and promotional materials at ontario.ca/teachingawards. More materials are coming to your school

Thank you for promoting the Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence.

Yours truly,

Laurel Broten
Minister