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Dear Education Partner,

You know the difference an outstanding educator or support staff member can make in a child's life – it happens every day in schools and licensed child care settings across the province. 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 I am 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 am hoping you will help continue to build that energy by telling your community about the Premier's Awards. Encourage them to nominate exceptional educators and support staff – people who make a difference to young children, students, schools, school boards/authorities and their communities.

To learn more about the Premier's Awards and to download electronic versions of the nomination form and promotional materials, please visit ontario.ca/teachingawards. You can also join our online conversations at [Facebook.com/ONteachingawards](https://www.facebook.com/ONteachingawards) and [Twitter.com/OntarioEDU](https://twitter.com/OntarioEDU).

Our nomination deadline this year is February 6, 2012.

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

Yours truly,

Laurel Broten
Minister