



May 6, 2019

Dear Staff Members, Parents, and Students,

What better way to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week than to nominate an outstanding teacher to become Plymouth's 2020 Teacher of the Year? It is with pleasure that we invite you to nominate a certified staff member to receive this honor. A team of teachers including past award recipients and representatives from all of our schools will gather to review the applications submitted by the nominees and name our recipient. Our Plymouth Teacher of the Year will then go on to participate in the statewide search for the 2020 Connecticut Teacher of the Year!

Applicants for teacher of the year will be considered based on the following factors:

- Proven educational history and experience
- Commitment to continued professional growth and development
- Contributions to the educational community including the ability to inspire students and utilize engaging instructional strategies, differentiation, and creativity in the classroom
- Impact on the school community and culture
- Engagement with the community as an extension of the classroom
- Ability to articulate ideas clearly and express passion for the profession

Any teacher who is currently employed in a certified position and has completed at least two full years of teaching in Plymouth is eligible as long as they have not previously received the award within the last ten years. Nomination forms should be returned to Jan Ouellette at Central Office via e-mail or interoffice mail by Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>. Nominated teachers will need to return completed applications by Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> and interviews will be scheduled after school on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for taking the time to help us honor our dedicated staff here in Plymouth!

Sincerely,

Jennifer M. Parsons  
Director of Curriculum and Instruction