



Enlarged City School District

"Committed to Excellence"

Teachers of Excellence Awards Program

Cover Page

Name of Nominee: _____

School/Building Name: _____ Department: _____

1. The nominator completes a written narrative, obtains at least two letters of support, and forwards this package to the nominee's supervisor or principal.

Name of Nominator: _____

Home Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

School Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Signature of Nominator: _____ Date: _____

2. The supervisor or principal reviews the nomination, may add an optional letter of support, and forwards this package directly to the Superintendent's Office.

Name of
Supervisor/Principal: _____ Title: _____

School/Building: _____ Phone: _____

Signature of Nominator: _____ Date: _____

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INSTRUCTIONS

Purpose:

Teaching is the most noble of professions. Teachers execute extraordinary and diverse activities to advance teaching and learning. Those in the profession assure the skills, knowledge, and character needed to ensure a future with promise for our students.

As teaching is honorable, teachers must be honored. The *Cortland Teachers of Excellence Awards Program* exists to recognize and promote excellent teaching and the vital role teachers serve in the lives of our children. Its purpose is to recognize those skills and accomplishments that directly promote our district's vision of the future for our children described on page four of these materials.

The *Cortland Teachers of Excellence Awards Program* is rooted in Cortland's Guiding Values, with teaching excellence seen as a measure of its existence. The Guiding Values are:

P ROFESSIONALISM
R ESPECT
I NTEGRITY
D ILIGENCE
E XCELLENCE & EQUITY

Nomination Process:

1. Nomination information and requirements are available on the Cortland Enlarged City School District website, and in each building office.
2. A paper copy of the completed requirements, with any supporting documentation, must be completed for each candidate. This is the only information the Review Committee will have to evaluate each candidate so it must describe excellence.
3. All certified professional teachers are eligible for nomination (including teachers, guidance counselors, and administrators, as Education Law defines "teacher"). Nomination requirements can be completed by the individual, by others, or through a combination of efforts.
4. To be considered for the *Cortland Teachers of Excellence Awards Program*, each of the nomination requirements must be completed, with preference given for a neatly typed nomination package.

5. The complete nomination package includes three parts:
 - (1) A written narrative completed by the nominator.
 - (2) A minimum of two thoughtful letters of support prepared by a colleague, parent, student, and/or community member.
 - (3) Review of the nomination package and an optional additional letter of support from the principal/supervisor.
6. When the written narrative and minimum of two letters of support are completed, the nominator must forward them to the nominee's principal or supervisor for review and optional letter of support.
7. The complete nomination package is sent directly from the principal/supervisor to the Superintendent's Office. Those received by the due date will be reviewed by the Review Committee.
8. The deadline for completed nominations is June 30, 2023. To be considered for *Teachers of Excellence* recognition, a completed nomination package with letters of support and any supporting documentation must be received in the Superintendent's Office by the close of business on that date. The address is:

Cortland Teachers of Excellence Awards Program
 Superintendent's Office
 1 Valley View Drive
 Cortland, NY 13045

9. Awards will be announced in September.
10. Questions or clarifications should be directed to the Superintendent's Office.

Narrative Requirements (to be completed by the nominator):

Type the narrative on separate pages as necessary. Each page must include the name of the nominee at the top right corner of the page. The nomination narrative must include written commentary on the following:

1. Your observations of the nominee's practice or expression of one or more of the District's five guiding values of 1) **Professionalism**, 2) **Respect**, 3) **Integrity**, 4) **Diligence** and 5) **Excellence and Equity**. Provide as much specific information as you can, providing specific examples or documentation when you can.
2. The nominee's contributions toward the fulfillment of the District's Vision (Page 4). Provide as much detail as you can, including examples or documentation as appropriate.

Letters of Support (to be completed by a colleague, parent, student and/or community member):

The nominator should include in the nomination package **two** confidential letters of support using the forms provided.

CORTLAND ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

District Mission Statement

The Cortland Enlarged City School District values all community members as partners in creating a positive learning environment for all students. This environment prepares all students to reach their fullest potential in becoming life-long learners, and successful, contributing members of the society in which they live.

District Vision Statement

Success is the product of a mutually supportive partnership between the school, family and community. Students and staff take pride and accept responsibility for the school, creating a safe and supportive environment. It is a culture where all are welcomed and accepted and interactions are positive and productive.

Our instructional environment is engaging and relevant and reflects the best practices in instructional design and delivery, including 21st century skills. It allows teachers to work collaboratively within professional learning communities, promotes student engagement and participation in the school community and challenges and supports students at the individual level.

The instructional environment is progressive and authentic through the use of technology and project based learning, promotes independent thinking and ensures teachers and students are continuous, self-directed learners.

Our instructional environment uses assessment to drive instruction and results in all students graduating.



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Letter of Support

Name of Nominee: _____

Letter of Support Writer's Name: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Nominator's Address: _____

Instructions to the Letter Writer: Please type your statement and return it to the nominator by June 16, 2023.

Use the space below, and attach additional pages as necessary. While your letter can be written as a general testimonial, it would be helpful to the Review Committee to read your comments on the following:

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the nominee?
2. Comment on the nominee's success in promoting the District's Guiding Values. Provide as much detail as you can, including examples as appropriate.
3. Comment on how the nominee has contributed toward the achievement of the District's Vision (Page 4). Provide as much specific information as you can.

Letter Writer's Signature _____ Date: _____



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