

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT ADVISORY PANEL
FOR
EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION
AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2023

2:00 pm

Attendees:

Yvonne Leon

Kathy Vergara

Beth Warman

AnSeing Partridge

Carla Magluta

Meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

Welcome/Introductions

Award Consideration

- Award of Excellence - awarded to students with disabilities who exemplify achievement, positive attitude, progress, independence and school or community involvement. (4) – Pre K, Elementary, Middle, High
- Award of Excellence for Leadership and Service - awarded to students in the gifted program who have made significant contributions to their community through action projects, volunteering, and service. (3) Elementary, Middle, High
- Parent Involvement Award - awarded to a parent/guardian of a child with special needs who works collaboratively and positively with the school to support the families of children with special needs. (1)
- Reno Cocchi Employer Recognition Award - presented to a business that positively impacts the employment of students with disabilities. (3) One per region
- Champion of Inclusion Award - awarded to a teacher, school administrator or any other school site employee who excels at initiating, inspiring and creating unique opportunities that result in inclusive educational experiences for students with and without disabilities. (1)
- Inclusion Achievement Award - awarded to school teams that have positively impacted the culture of inclusion in their school community. (3) One per region

Weekly Briefing with Application

- To be released in in January 2024
- Closing Date for Applications is February 2024

Process for Awardee Selection

- A. SWD – Will be selected by Awards Sub-Committee
- B. Gifted – Leadership and Service Winner will be selected by Gifted Sub-Committee
- C. Inclusion – Champion of Inclusion Winner (Parent) will be selected by Inclusion Sub Committee
- D. Reno Cocchi – Will be selected by Transition Students

Dates for Winner Selection Forthcoming

Event Logistics

The Event will be Virtual for the 2023-24 School Year. Selected winners and nominees will be recognized with an award in the appropriate format. Formats considered:

- During the school's end of the year awards ceremony
- During morning announcements
- During a class presentation

Schools will have the option to select the best environment for the presentation. Parents and guest will be invited to attend. Each presentation will be recorded, and all presentations will be converted into a virtual awards ceremony. The final virtual presentation link will be provided for all to view. The Virtual Ceremony link will be released in May of 2023.

Miscellaneous Discussion

1. Quotes for Trophies – Will be obtained to determine cost

New Business

No New Business was presented

Adjournment