Center for Leadership and Innovation

Here is your Invitation to Nominate
An Outstanding CAS Elementary-Level School for 2019-2020

Purpose

1. To give public recognition in Connecticut and nationally to an outstanding CAS-Member Elementary School that represents the best in the profession.
2. The school chosen will receive recognition in the media, in CAS publications, and at a CAS sponsored ceremony in their community.

Eligibility

The following criteria will be used to determine the recipient of this award:

1. The school must be a CAS Member Elementary-Level School and exhibit the following Best Practices:
   - Evidence of a safe and healthy school environment.
   - Evidence that the school involves parents and the community in supporting student learning and healthy development.
   - Student services that go beyond those that are part of a typical school, i.e. clubs, activities, support services, and extra help for those who need it.
   - Evidence that the school’s educational programs are consistently being reviewed and improved.
   - A researched based curriculum with appropriate assessment grounded in standards.
   - Instructional methods and strategies designed to prepare students to meet high standards.
   - Teaming practices that drive instruction.
   - Personalization of the school environment.
   - Collaborative leadership and professional learning communities.

2. Previous winners may not apply for a period of three years and must clearly show significant change from the previous application. Finalists (schools receiving site visits) are encouraged to re-apply for this award and may do so one full school year following the site visit. Schools not selected as finalists are welcome to re-apply at any time.

3. Each of the nine criteria listed above must be individually addressed in narrative form. The total response must not exceed 10 pages (12-point font/single spaced).

4. Applications must be delivered to CAS or postmarked no later than March 1, 2019.

5. The winning school will be invited to share exemplary practices and programs with other CAS elementary-level schools by offering CAS workshops, writing for CAS publications, and/or welcoming visitors to their school.

6. Nominations may be made by any present or former member of the school staff or by district central-office personnel.

7. Nominations should be submitted to: Mrs. Jill Hale, Assistant Executive Director
   The Connecticut Association of Schools
   30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, Connecticut 06410

Timeline

1. Applications will be reviewed in March.
2. Finalists will be visited in April or May, 2019.
I nominate the following CAS school as an outstanding elementary school for the year 2019-2020:

School __________________________________________________________
Principal _______________________________________________________
Address _________________________________________________________
Town/City __________________________ Zip __________ Telephone ______
E-Mail Address of Principal _______________________________________
School Website _________________________________________________

Nominator:

Typed Name of Nominator _________________________________________
Signature of Nominator ___________________________________________
Position of Nominator ___________________________________________
Date Submitted _________________________________________________
Telephone Number of Nominator __________________________________
E-Mail Address of Nominator ______________________________________
Address of Nominator ____________________________________________

Endorsement by Superintendent of Schools
I have read and support this application

Typed Name of Superintendent __________________________ Signature of Superintendent _______________________
Telephone Number of Superintendent __________________________ E-Mail Address of Superintendent ________________________
Address of Superintendent ______________________________________

For CAS Use Only:

Date Received _________ Number of Pages _________ Criteria Addressed _________