TO: ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF MEMBERS OF MIDDLE LEVEL MEMBER SCHOOLS
OF THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

AN INVITATION TO NOMINATE A MIDDLE LEVEL TEACHER AS
OUTSTANDING TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2001-2002

PURPOSE
To give public recognition in Connecticut and nationally to an outstanding CAS member middle level
school teacher who represents the best in the profession. The person selected will not necessarily be “the
best” in the state, but rather a person who deserves major recognition as an example of outstanding
teaching that the state has to offer.

The teacher chosen will be honored in Connecticut by CAS.

ELIGIBILITY
CAS recognizes that outstanding middle level teachers create a classroom and school environment
appropriate to the needs of the early adolescent. The following criteria will be used to determine the
recipient of this award. Please note, however, that past recipients are not eligible.

1. Candidate must be a practicing teacher of a CAS member middle school who exhibits the following:
   a. Demonstrates excellence in teaching
   b. Demonstrates involvement with students, staff, and parents in and out of the classroom
   c. Demonstrates leadership within the profession
2. The candidate should be in at least her/his fifth year as a practicing middle school teacher in
   Connecticut and in at least the third year in his/her present position.
3. Nominations may be made by any present or former member of the school staff or district central
   office personnel.
4. Nominations must be made on the forms provided. If this form is not used, please limit your
   application to 6 pages following the sequence listed herein.
5. Nominations must be accompanied by three (3) letters of recommendation, submitted on the forms
   provided, by any persons who are qualified to judge the professional performance of the candidate.
   EITHER THE NOMINATION OR ONE OF THE THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
   MUST BE FROM THE BUILDING PRINCIPAL. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.
6. The successful candidate will be expected to share her/his expertise through CAS sponsored
   workshops. Furthermore, the sponsoring school district must agree to release the” Teacher of
   the Year” for up to 3 school days for in-service and/or celebration activities.
8. Deadline for submission of nominations is March 8, 2002.
8. Nominations should be sent to:

   Mr. Earle G. Bidwell
   Connecticut Association of Schools
   30 Realty Drive
   Cheshire, CT 06410
I nominate the following person to be the Connecticut Middle Level School Teacher of the Year 2001-02:

Name ________________________________  Position ________________________________

School ________________________________

Address ________________________________________________

Town _______________  Zip ________  Telephone ________________

Years in Present Position _____________  Total Years in Profession ________________

Attach three (3) TYPED letters of recommendation, using forms provided by persons other than the nominator who are qualified to judge the nominee’s professional performance. One must be from the building principal.

Typed Name of Nominator ________________________________  Signature of Nominator ________________________________

Position of Nominator ________________________________  Telephone Number/Date Submitted ________________________________

Deadline for submission:  March 8, 2002

Send completed nomination to:
Mr. Earle G. Bidwell, Assistant Executive Director
CAS, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT  06410

STATEMENT OF REASON FOR NOMINATION

1. Demonstrates Excellence in Teaching (i.e. How is the curriculum diversified to challenge all levels of ability within classroom; How is student learner assessed using multiple strategies; How are the needs of the student effectively met; How are a variety of instructional techniques utilized in the classroom)

2. Demonstrates Involvement With Students, Staff, and Parents in and out of the Classroom

3. Demonstrates Leadership Within the Profession (i.e. Show what contributions and successes the teacher has provided to the team, school, and community through past and present involvements)
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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Name of Nominee ____________________________________________________________

School ___________________________________________ Town ____________________

This recommendation must address specifically the below-listed criteria in sequence. General statements will not suffice. Use other side or additional sheets if necessary. Please limit response to two pages.

CRITERIA

The candidate:

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B. Demonstrates Involvement With Students, Staff, and Parents in and out of the Classroom

C. Demonstrates Leadership Within the Profession (i.e. Show what contributions and successes the teacher has provided to the team, school, and community through past and present involvements)

Date: ____________________

__________________________________________ Position

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Address ____________________________________________________________________ Telephone _____________________________________________________________________________