

OGDENSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: Empire State Excellence in Teaching Award Presentation

DATE: September 19, 2016

REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

To keep the Commissioners informed regarding teacher achievement/awards.

FACTS AND ANALYSIS:

The State of New York has selected Dianne Drayse-Alonso, Art Teacher, as a recipient of the Empire State Excellence in Teaching Award. The award honors outstanding individuals who exemplify the highest standards of teaching and work to foster creativity, instill a love of learning, and inspire independent thinking and student initiative. Mrs. Drayse-Alonso is one of those teachers! Congratulations Mrs. Drayse-Alonso!! As part of this award Mrs. Drayse-Alonso will receive \$5,000 to use for professional development activities of her choice, including coursework to enhance expertise, attendance at a state or national education conference, or enrollment in a summer institute or certification program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No action necessary, presentation only.

APPROVED FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:


Superintendent

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STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

ANDREW M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

July 7, 2016

Dianne Drayse-Alonso
917 Morris Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

Dear Dianne Drayse-Alonso:

Congratulations on being selected as a recipient of the Empire State Excellence in Teaching Award!

This award honors outstanding individuals who exemplify the highest standards of teaching and work to foster creativity, instill a love of learning, and inspire independent thinking and student initiative. Dianne, you are one of those teachers.

New York State has thousands of excellent teachers like you who prepare our children for the future and help them reach their full potential. You have been selected as a representative of the over 200,000 dedicated, hard-working teachers in this State. You are representative of all of the teachers who work nights and weekends correcting papers and writing lesson plans; teachers who take time from their families in the evening to call parents to talk about students' progress; teachers who come in early and stay late to tutor students who need extra help, and we thank you for your service.

As part of this award you will receive \$5,000 to use for professional development activities of your choice, including coursework to enhance expertise, attendance at a state or national education conference, or enrollment in a summer institute or certification program. We recognize this will ultimately benefit you, the children you teach and other staff in your school. In addition to the award of professional development funds, you will also be invited to share your insights and knowledge with university, workforce, and policy leaders around the State and you will receive additional information on these activities later this summer and throughout the year.

Please complete the enclosed forms that will expedite the process to receive funds for your professional development endeavors. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to my Deputy Secretary for Education, Jere Hochman, at 518-486-9699.

On behalf of the State of New York, congratulations again, and thank you for all that you do!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew M. Cuomo".

ANDREW M. CUOMO