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TO Mathematics Curriculum Coordinators

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RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING ELEMENTARY MATHEMATICS TEACHERS

The importance of mathematics instruction in our schools cannot be overestimated. To emphasize this reality, the North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCCTM) and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) strive to recognize and reward elementary school teachers who exemplify mathematics teaching excellence by nurturing students' enthusiasm through involvement in mathematics fairs, projects, and competitions to supplement and enhance everyday classroom experiences. This recognition is for those teachers who succeed in motivating students to excel in mathematics. This is an excellent opportunity to work with your principals in identifying one K-5 teacher from your LEA that you feel is deserving of this recognition.

Your assistance in facilitating the nomination process for your district is critical. Please send a copy of the nomination form to principals of schools with any combination of grades kindergarten through fifth to nominate the teacher they consider to be an outstanding mathematics teacher. Request that principals return their form to your office. From those nominated, select one teacher who represents the most exemplary mathematics teaching in your district. **Complete the final form with information about your selected awardee and submit to NCDPI by May 2, 2011.**

The outstanding teacher selected from each LEA will receive one year's membership in the NCCTM, a personalized award, and recognition at the NCCTM State Conference in Greensboro. In addition, his/her name will appear in the Fall 2011 issue of the NCCTM journal, the *Centroid*, and on NCCTM's website.

Your cooperation and assistance are vital to the success of this program. Please note the final form must be completed and received by **May 2, 2011**. Thank you for your support of this program. Please direct questions to Kitty Rutherford, krutherford@dpi.state.nc.us.

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