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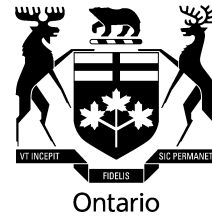
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Dear School Council Chair,

You already know the difference an outstanding teacher or support staff member can make in a child's life – it happens at your school every day. I think others should know about those special people too.

The Ministry of Education created the **Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence** to recognize outstanding educators and support staff in Ontario.

To recognize the unique role that registered early childhood educators play in helping children and young students, this year we are delighted to introduce two new awards: Early Childhood Educator of the Year and Full-Day Kindergarten Team of the Year.

To date, we have honoured a total of 126 recipients. They have amazing stories to tell – and they go back to their communities energized and motivated to help more children and students. I am hoping you will help capture that energy and motivation in your school by holding a small celebration of your own!

The nomination deadline is February 6, 2012.

Please share this information with other parents and members of your school community. Encourage others to nominate exceptional members of your school or board – people who make a difference to the community and in a child's life.

To learn more about the Premier's Awards and to download electronic versions of the nomination form and promotional materials, please visit ontario.ca/teachingawards. You can also join our online conversations at [Facebook.com/ONteachingawards](https://www.facebook.com/ONteachingawards) and [Twitter.com/OntarioEDU](https://twitter.com/OntarioEDU).

Thank you for promoting the Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence.

Yours truly,

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