

**DECADES OF EXCELLENCE CRYSTAL BELL AWARD**  
**“TEACHER OF THE YEAR”**

The Le Mars Community School District Foundation and the Le Mars Community School Alumni Association are seeking nominations for our jointly-sponsored “Teacher of the Year” award. The award is called the **Decades of Excellence Crystal Bell Award**. Its purpose is to recognize and honor teachers who demonstrate excellence in education by meeting the needs of their students and to financially reward teachers who exemplify the excellence celebrated by the Decades of Excellence Reunion 2000. Two \$500 awards will be presented to the winner; \$500 for personal use and \$500 for classroom use.

Students, parents of students, fellow teachers, administrators and community citizens may submit nominations. Nominations may be jointly submitted by more than one nominator.

The attached nomination form includes instructions for completion and eligibility criteria. These forms **must be submitted** to the Superintendent’s Office no later than **Friday, March 22, 2024**.

The recipient will be honored on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at a dinner honoring the Teacher of the Year, 25-year employees, excellence in the LCHS senior class, and employees of the month.

We would appreciate your participation in our annual Decades of Excellence Crystal Bell Award.

Thank you,

“Teacher of the Year” Committee

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**Nomination Information**

**Due Friday, March 22, 2024**

**Sponsored by:** Le Mars Community Schools Foundation and  
Le Mars Community Schools Alumni Association

**Purpose:** To honor and recognize teachers who demonstrate excellence in education by meeting the needs of their students and to financially reward teachers who exemplify the excellence celebrated by the Decades of Excellence Reunion 2000.

**Eligibility:** A teacher must be currently teaching in the school system and have taught for a minimum of five consecutive years in the Le Mars Community Schools.

## **Instructions:**

- 1. The nomination materials must include a letter of endorsement from the current principal and at least one letter of endorsement from a teacher in the school where the nominee teaches. These letters must have been written during the current school year.**
- 2. The nominator should use the six questions on the last page as a guideline in submitting nomination materials for the nominee.**
- 3. The nominator is responsible for submitting all materials to the Selection Committee.**

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**Nomination Form**

**Nominee’s Information**

(Please print)

**NAME OF NOMINEE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADE OR SUBJECT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL BUILDING:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator’s Information**

(Please print)

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMIT NOMINATION MATERIALS TO:**

**LE MARS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE  
940 LINCOLN STREET SW  
LE MARS, IA 51031  
712-546-4155**

***DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024***

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*Below are suggested questions for use as a guideline in your nomination.*

- 1. How does this teacher provide for individual differences of students?**
- 2. How does this teacher build an atmosphere conducive to learning?**
- 3. How does this teacher motivate students to want to learn?**
- 4. List examples of how this teacher prepares students to be productive, contributing members of society.**
- 5. Provide examples of how this teacher demonstrates professional leadership.**
- 6. Offer examples of what this teacher does to enhance the school/parent partnership.**