Nominations open today for 2018 Minnesota Teacher of the Year

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ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 29, 2017 – Everyone remembers a favorite teacher, someone who motivates and inspires students for a lifetime. Minnesotans have the opportunity again this fall to nominate that unique educator for Minnesota Teacher of the Year.

Nominations open today and can be submitted online through Nov. 15. The 2018 Teacher of the Year will be named at a ceremony May 6, 2018, at the Radisson Blu Mall of America. The Minnesota Teacher of the Year also becomes Minnesota’s candidate for National Teacher of the Year.

Eligible nominees must meet these criteria:

- Teach in a public or nonpublic Pre-K through 12th-grade school, working at least 50 percent of the time directly with students.
- Hold a bachelor’s degree and a Minnesota teaching license.
- Have completed three years of teaching by the nomination deadline.
- Intend to teach during the 2018-19 school year.

Anyone may nominate a teacher. Self-nominations are also accepted.

The state program has been highly successful nationally – Minnesota ranks second behind California with four National Teachers of the Year.

For more information or to receive a nomination form, call Megan McKeen at 651-292-4872 or 800-652-9073.

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