

May 10, 2019

Dear Friend of Rural Wisconsin:

I am pleased to open nominations for the “2019 Standing Up for Rural Wisconsin Schools, Libraries, and Communities Award.” We are seeking nominations of partnerships between and among schools, libraries, and communities that have resulted in programs or projects which demonstrate the great potential and collaborative spirit of rural Wisconsin.

The “Standing Up for Rural Wisconsin Schools, Libraries, and Communities Award” began in March 2005, when eight schools and communities were recognized for exemplary programs. Since then, a total of 120 programs have been honored. For a description of the previous award winners, please see our website at <http://dpi.wi.gov/rural/awards>.

This year’s award ceremony will be held on October 29, 2019, during the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance Fall Conference at Glacier Canyon Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells. The nomination form is enclosed with this letter and can be downloaded from the above website. Please note the deadline for submission of nominations is Wednesday, September 11, 2019. Submit applications by email to [william.cannon@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:william.cannon@dpi.wi.gov) or by mail to Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Attn: Will Cannon, Career and Technical Education, P. O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841.

I am humbled by the work that goes on across Wisconsin to help children become active citizens, productive and skilled workers, and leaders in our communities. There are no limits to the enthusiasm, drive, and energy that characterize rural areas all across Wisconsin.

We hope you nominate a program in your area worthy of recognition and thank you for the great work you do to support the students and citizens of rural Wisconsin.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Stanford Taylor  
State Superintendent

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Enclosure