The Excellence in Education Award was created by the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) of Berrien RESA as a way to honor those persons who have played a vital role in educating and supporting students with disabilities.

Who is eligible for this award?
Persons deserving of this prestigious award that have gone “above and beyond the call of duty” to contribute to the success of the students they serve, including:

- **Special Education Teachers** who work with students in a variety of educational settings (resource room, team-teaching situations, inclusive classrooms, etc.).
- **General Education Teachers** who have provided exceptional educational opportunities for students in the general education classroom and beyond.
- **Administrators** who have demonstrated outstanding leadership on behalf of students with impairments.
- **Ancillary Staff**, including social workers, speech therapists, school psychologists, teacher consultants, occupational or physical therapists.
- **Support Staff** who assist students in the special and general education settings, including paraprofessionals, bus drivers, peer tutors and secretarial staff.
- **Volunteers** who have improved the quality of life of students through work on school committees, school-sponsored activities, or in the classroom. Also includes businesses or civic organizations which have donated time or resources to serve the special needs population.

**Everyone likes to be recognized for a job well-done.**

Tell us why your nominee deserves this award! Fill out the nomination form found on the back. Please attach letter(s) with your nomination. Return this form and your letter(s) to:

PAC Chairperson  
C/O Autumn Poole  
Berrien RESA, PO Box 364, 711 St. Joseph Ave. Berrien Springs, MI 49103  
or autumn.poole@berrienresa.org.

You can also drop your form off at your local school district.

Nominees will be selected based upon evidence of:
- Support, communication, and partnership with parents.
- Efforts to improve and/or sustain the educational performance of students, with special attention given to innovative programs or services.
- Distinction in providing educational excellence.
- You are welcome to have more than one letter to support if desired.
Nominee Information (ONLY ONE NOMINEE PER FORM)
Nominations must be received no later than December 17, 2021

Nominee Name:_________________________________________________Telephone:_____________________

Nominee Title:___________________________________________________________________________________

School:___________________________________________________________________________________________

Nominator’s Information

Name:___________________________________________________________Telephone:_____________________

Nominator’s Title:_______________________________________________________________________________

School:___________________________________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address:___________________________________________________________________________________

City:____________________________________________State:______________ Zip Code:___________________

Telephone:____________________________________________________________

*Please be sure to include a letter for your nominee. Multiple letters from multiple sources are welcomed and encouraged.

Need more information?
Call Autumn Poole
(269) 471-7725 ext. 3309
autumn.poole@berrienresa.org

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