



**Maine Association For Health, Physical Education,
Recreation And Dance**

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Dear Principals,

The Maine Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, (MAHPERD) is a professional organization of approximately 600 members, committed to excellence in health education, physical education, recreation and dance education. The organization's goal is to ensure quality programs for our Maine youth (primarily in elementary through secondary schools) and to promote lifelong wellness. The MAHPERD executive board, voted in by the membership, plans and organizes an annual conference. This conference serves to update members on current trends, locally and nationally, in health, physical education, recreation and dance education throughout the State of Maine.

Each year at this conference, MAHPERD recognizes Maine teachers, who are MAHPERD members, for their outstanding service and achievements in their professional discipline.

Health Educator: One award is given to a health educator at any level of teaching responsibility, who currently teaches in a public or private school.

Physical Educator: Three awards are given, one to each of the teaching levels currently being recognized (elementary, middle, and secondary) to the physical educator who currently teaches in a public or private school. K-8 teachers should select either elementary or middle level.

Dance Educator: One award is given to a dance educator at any level of teaching responsibility who currently teaches in a public or private school.

If you wish to nominate a teacher, please submit the nomination form along with a letter of recommendation electronically to Kristen Provencher at the e-mail address below by **May 1, 2016**. The criteria and official nomination form is attached.

Upon receiving your letter of nomination, I will send the teacher a letter of congratulations for being nominated as a candidate for the MAHPERD Teacher of the Year Award. The nominee will be asked to complete an application form and to submit that form to us by **June 30, 2016**.

Selections will be made by **September 23rd**, and the award will be presented at the annual banquet of the MAHPERD organization at the Samoset Resort Inn, Rockport, Maine on **November 6, 2016**.

The committee knows there are many teachers in our State who deserve to be recognized in this very special way. Please let us hear from you!

Sincerely,

Kristen Provencher
MAHPERD Awards Committee Chair
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