

Sample Nomination – TEACHER

This ACE award nomination is for 4th grade teacher, Xxxxxx. Xxxxxx can be described as an influential teacher leader who exemplifies, in the work she does for students and teachers, what it takes to carry out the vision for the school in which she works and the overall mission of our school district.

Teaching in a school where a number of students are navigating poverty, Xxxxxx is one of the most motivated, dedicated, and committed teachers I have had the opportunity to work with. Xxxxxx makes learning happen. In 4th grade, the level of performance her students attain is inspiring. Xxxxxx has created a classroom environment where her students know success is afforded and that Xxxxxx will do whatever is necessary to see each of them succeed. They know that Xxxxxx makes it her most important priority to know them as individuals, know their full potential, and motivate them to rise to it. Xxxxxx creates classroom systems that make it possible for her most struggling readers to get second and third doses of instruction and intervention with her while all other students are working together collaboratively to write reports, conduct research, engage in listening centers, check each other's understanding, and hold each other accountable for doing their best.

4th grade students take pride in their accomplishments and are true believers that they can do anything, evidenced by the level of success and growth each of her students attains by the end of the year. She communicates with families daily and has made connections with 100% of her families, providing a welcoming and inclusive classroom environment. Xxxxxx can do all of this because of the expectations she has for herself as a 4th grade classroom teacher, a dedicated team member, and a strong advocate for student success.

She is a teacher who supports teachers-in-training. She successfully coaches student teachers by being a model of what clear routines, classroom management, knowledge of students, on-going assessment, and high expectations should look like as well as how it can be accomplished. Xxxxxx serves as a mentor for her fellow teachers as well. This year she is a mentor to a new 3rd grade teacher who successfully uses the strategies Xxxxxx has modeled and shared to continue to improve her instruction. Whether she is giving her time in the office helping with phones, communicating with families, or supporting students, or giving her time to her colleagues providing guidance, Xxxxxx constantly gives of herself to provide a support school wide that only helps make our vision for our school a reality.

At the District level, Xxxxxx is recognized as an exemplary teacher leader. Xxxxxx opens her classroom to teachers from all over the school district to observe her instruction, complete with clear lesson plan design and purpose. Teachers are able to see how Xxxxxx implements new reading and math curriculum, strong instructional strategies that keep students challenged and engaged, and the routines she has in place to maximize learning opportunities for all students. Following the visit, Xxxxxx meets with teachers to answer questions and provide explanations in order for them to walk away with tools and strategies to use in their own classroom. Beyond this, Xxxxxx sets aside time each month to work with teachers in the district, preparing them with lesson materials, activities, and strategies. Teachers in the district attend these sessions and leave with rich ideas to implement into their own instruction.

Xxxxxx is a champion at the district level. She is a coach, mentor, representative, and model for all teachers. She is a champion at the school level. She is a teacher leader who will give her time for students, families and staff in order to support our vision of success. Xxxxxx is a true champion for kids. She is committed to their success and does whatever she can to make sure each of her students leave

room 12 as confident, motivated learners. Finally, Xxxxxx is a champion for our school community. Her leadership as a teacher; her dedication to teaching; her passion and love for education only scrape the surface of what she does every day. Xxxxxx is a Champion in Education and we are proud to acknowledge all of the work she does for kids and teachers in the Bethel School District.