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New England League of Middle Schools Promising Practitioner Award 2011–2012

PURPOSE: NELMS seeks to honor teachers beginning their teaching career, who have one to three years of teaching experience at the middle level.

CRITERIA:

- Enjoys teaching middle level students
- Makes a positive difference in the school
- Seeks professional development and implements ideas
- Fosters community connections
- Meets the needs of individual students, using effective middle level practices such as:
 - Incorporating activity-based learning
 - Developing a sense of student ownership in their learning
 - Integrating higher order thinking
 - Fostering curriculum connections using a variety of assessment tools

APPLICATION PROCESS: The Nominator must collect the following, and send all materials in one packet to: NELMS, 120 Water Street, Suite 403 • North Andover, MA 01845.

The packet must be received by 4:30pm on October 1, 2011.

- The **nominator**, who must be from the same school, must address in writing how the **nominee** meets the five (5) criteria stated above, in 1,250 words or less, (250 words per criteria).
- The **nominator** must collect one letter of support, of not more than five hundred (500) words, from each of the following:
 - A parent or community member associated with the **nominee's** current school
 - A former or current student from the **nominee's** current school
 - A professional colleague from the **nominee's** current school
- The **nominee** must write about a rewarding teaching experience in 500 words or less, that is typed and double-spaced.

RECOGNITION: Those who receive an award will be recognized at the NELMS Annual Conference, receive a one-day registration to the Annual Conference, will be given a one-year individual membership, and will be recognized in Mid Lines, the NELMS newspaper and E-news. Winners will receive their choice of \$200, or up to \$300 worth of additional NELMS services.

Person Nominated _____

School Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # (home) _____ (school) _____

Name of Nominator _____

E-mail: _____ Fax: _____