Dear NPS Families.

As you may know, each year, parents, guardians, and students are able to nominate NPS and Out of District teachers and staff for a Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) Award. A SEPAC Award recognizes exceptional NPS and Out of District teachers, aides, behavior therapists, psychologists, bus drivers, crossing guards, administrators, and other staff for the role they played in a student's special education journey this past academic year. Interested in nominating an exceptional NPS or Out of District teacher and/or staff member? The deadline for nominations is Monday, May 13th. Here's how the process works:

- Submit a nomination through the <u>nomination form</u>
- All celebratory nominations will be recognized
- On Monday, June 3rd, your nominee will receive an email with the kind words you wrote about your nominee, including a short slideshow of anonymized nominations lifting up the good work taking place across the district. Each principal will receive a list of nominees from their school.
- On Monday, June 10th from 5-6:30pm at Newton North High School Cafeteria, the SEPAC Board and Community will be hosting a SEPAC Awards Reception for nominees and their communities, and the families who nominated them. Please kindly save the date! Nominees either will receive a printed SEPAC Award at the reception or it will be delivered after to their home school.

Do you need to nominate everyone from your student's team? Please only nominate the teachers and staff members who you feel have been exceptional!

Questions? Reach out to: newtonspecialeducationawards@gmail.com

Thank you so much for your participation recognizing the exceptional NPS and Out of District teachers and staff who work so hard to support special education students. Please help us share this message as widely as possible so the SEPAC Awards can reach all corners of our community!

Warmly, 2023-2024 SEPAC Board