

February 24, 2017

Dear Principals and Directors,

Once again, the Partners in Education recognition event is rapidly approaching and we need your nominations for the 10 th Annual Partnership of the Year awards. As you know, the purpose of this event is to help you thank your partners. And in doing so, we want to recognize the outstanding partnerships that make our schools better. As soon as the nominations are received in the Foundation office, we will be coordinating with you to get some videos that we will show at the event. Also, as you are inviting your partners to join us for the evening, please remember that through the generosity of Harps Foods Inc., neither you nor your partners will need to purchase a ticket for the event.

Based on the feedback that we received last year after moving the event to the Arts Center of the Ozarks, we hope to return to the ACO for this year’s awards if the calendar will allow for a date that will work in everyone’s schedule. I am working with the ACO on possible dates during the first couple weeks of May. Since the exact date has not yet been determined, if you would like to suggest dates to avoid, please let me know as soon as possible. Also, we will again provide heavy Hors D’ Oeuvres from Harps and beverages from Springdale Liquor Association

All we ask is that you commit to having at least **6** people who represent your school and partnership(s) at the event. If at all possible, we would like for you to bring one of the people in your building who have received a Foundation Grant. As always, you are welcome to bring as many guests as you would like, but please let me know in advance so we can adjust the food order to accommodate the additional guests.

**The nominations should be emailed to me** at: chris@spsef.org **by Monday, March 20th**.

Judges will be instructed to look at contributions to student success (human or financial resources); interaction between the business and school partner; successful on-going programs that promote learning; new, original or innovative projects; and a statement of the impact of the business partnership(s) on the school. Judging is based on the nomination submitted by the principal or the principal’s designee. There may also be partnerships that are selected as Partnerships of Distinction if we receive entries that we want to recognize, but are unable to select for the award.

Thank you so much for your support of Partners in Education. Our business community can be a valuable asset to you when invited to be a part of the education process at your school.

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Partners in Education Nomination

In a narrative no longer than this page and one other, please describe (1) the contributions of your partner(s) to student success (human, and financial resources); (2) meaningful interaction between partner(s) and your school; (3) successful on-going partnership programs that promote learning; and (4) new, original or innovative projects between your school and your business partner. Close your nomination with a statement of impact of the partnership between your school and your business partner and why you think the business deserves recognition. Remember to include ways that the school gave back to the business partner. You may nominate more than one partner by copying this form.

Name of School or Program \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Business(es) or Organization you wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Narrative Begins (Submit no more than the remainder of this page and one other.)

Narrative cont’d

Rather than an evaluation on each business partner, will you please list the Partners that have been inactive with your school or program this year? Have you made an attempt to re-engage them?

School \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Inactive Partners Contact Person Attempt at Re-engaging

 Yes or No

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How can we assist you? Do you object to someone on our Board contacting the inactive Partners or reassigning them for a more compatible match? Is there a reason they should not be removed from the list of Partners from your school?

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