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Dear Association Colleague:

Nominations for the 2008 recipient of NEA's Friend of Education Award are now being solicited. For 36 years NEA has bestowed this prestigious award on an individual or organization whose leadership, acts, and support have significantly benefited education, education employees, or students on a national scale.

Since its inception in 1972, the Friend of Education Award has attained the status of NEA's highest tribute. Previous recipients include U.S. Presidents Lyndon B. Johnson, Jimmy Carter, and William Jefferson Clinton; U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall; and U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley. The award has also been presented to U.S. Senators and Representatives, governors, educators, civil rights activists, authors, and an athlete. Nominations reflecting these levels of achievement and worthy of NEA's recognition are now encouraged for the 2008 Friend of Education Award.

Nominations should include a statement about the nominee's contribution to education on a national level and may be accompanied by additional materials to assist the selection committee. Each nomination must be signed and submitted with proof of the nominator's NEA membership (such as an address label from an Association publication). Also, please note that if the nominee is eligible for NEA Active membership, he/she must hold such membership.

All duly submitted nominations are reviewed by a five-member committee of NEA Directors, which recommends a recipient of the Friend of Education Award to the Board of Directors. The award will be presented at the 2008 NEA Representative Assembly in Washington, DC.

The deadline for NEA's receipt of nominations is **March 31, 2008**. Your submission of a nomination for NEA's highest honor is strongly encouraged.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reg Weaver".

Reg Weaver
President

Enclosures: NEA Friend of Education Award Fact Sheet
NEA Friend of Education Award 2008 Nomination Form
Friend of Education Award Recipients