

# The Washington State Board of Education

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<b>Policy Considerations / Key Questions:</b>	None	
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<b>Materials Included in Packet:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Memo <input type="checkbox"/> Graphs / Graphics <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Third-Party Materials <input type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint	
<b>Synopsis:</b>	The January teacher recognition luncheon will honor the Milken Educator Award (Dan Alderson, Lake Stevens), and two recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (Barbara Franz, Moses Lake and Dawn Sparks, Thorp).	

## TEACHER RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

### BACKGROUND

We are honoring three teachers who represent the winners of the following awards:

1. The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.
2. The Milken Educator Award.

#### **Milken Educator Award (Background)**

- Largest teacher recognition program in the country.
- The award winner receives a \$25,000 cash prize and professional and leadership development from the Milken Family Foundation.

#### **This Year's Winner:**

Educator: Dan Alderson  
School: Lake Stevens High School  
District: Lake Stevens School District  
Quick Facts: Seven-year, National Board Certified Teacher who began as a grocery manager. Data and instructional leader in the school who successfully uses data to shape curriculum. Utilizes standards-based grading, empowering students to demonstrate standard in a variety of ways and within flexible time frames.

#### **Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) (Background)**

- Established in 1983 and administered nationally by the National Science Foundation, the PAEMST is the highest honor in the country for a K-12 math or science teacher. The award alternates between elementary and secondary teachers.
- Award winners receive a \$10,000 cash prize, a trip to the nation's capital, and a signed commendation from President Obama.

#### **This Year's Winner (Math):**

Educator: Barbara Franz  
School: North Elementary School  
District: Moses Lake School District  
Quick Facts: A National Board Certified Teacher with over 25 years in the classroom. Designed elementary mathematics curriculum that anticipates the standards of future grades and exceeds grade-level district learning targets. Mathematics and science instruction is integrated throughout the day, creating extensive mathematics learning opportunities for her students.

**This Year's Winner (Science):**

Educator: Dawn Sparks  
School: Thorp Elementary School  
District: Thorp School District  
Quick Facts: Serves as both the science coordinator and sixth grade teacher for the Thorp School District. Has created family science nights, in addition to her work as faculty for the Washington State LASER Strategic Planning Institute.

**POLICY CONSIDERATION**

None

**EXPECTED ACTION**

None