**Teacher and Principal of the Year Recommendation Form (Optional)**

State-level candidates are scored on the following criteria. As such, recommendations should provide evidence of one or more of the following criteria. Addressing additional information is also acceptable.

* Demonstrates **excellence and expertise** in the field, **guiding students** (and for principals, also teachers) of **all** backgrounds and abilities to **achieve success**.
* Demonstrates **leadership** and **innovation** in and outside of the school building walls, creating pathways for **students/teachers to excel**.
* **Builds collaborative relationships** with **colleagues, students, and families** to create a **school** **environment** that is respectful, inclusive, and **positively impacts** student/teacher growth and achievement.
* **Deliberately connects** the classroom/school to the **community** to positively **impact the students, school, and community.**
* Is **inspiring, compelling, professional,** and expresses themselves in an **engaging and clear way**, and demonstrates the ability to **connect with and represent** the state.

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| **TEACHER/PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR INFORMATION** |
| Indicate Teacher or Principal |   |
| Candidate’s Name |   |
| School System Name |   |
| School Name |   |
| **RECOMMENDER INFORMATION** |
| Recommender’s Name |  |
| Recommender’s relationship to the Nominee |  |

**In the textbox below, explain your reason for recommending this person as a Teacher or Principal of the Year candidate.**

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