

Encouraging Charters to Showcase Excellent Educators in the 2017 State Teacher and Principal of the Year process:

Charter Participation:

- Multi-site charters may select up to three overall Teacher and three overall Principal of the Year finalists, one per division (elementary, middle and high), to move on to the state competition.
- Single site charters should operate as independent school districts and may submit one principal application and up to three teacher applications (elementary, middle and high). Principals at single site charters are to submit their application directly to the state-level competition. Principals should also identify the teachers who will participate in the state-level competition.
- Charter associations should ensure the candidates submitted to the state-level competition have the recommendation of the CMO leader and/or Board President.

State Teacher and Principal of the Year winners assume a leadership role and serve as models of excellence in education for our state. They speak at conferences and events, contribute to publications, and share their expertise in a variety of settings. Please participate this year, and showcase the excellent educators in charter schools.

A word from a charter state-level winner- Ms. Rene Lewis-Carter, 2016 2016 Louisiana State Middle School Teacher of the Year.

Rene Lewis-Carter, Martin Behrman Charter School, Principal

- Rene Lewis-Carter became the first charter school leader to be named as a division winner in the state-level competition. Read more [here](#).
- Click [here](#) to hear Ms. Lewis-Carter talk about one of her proudest accomplishments.
- A message from Ms. Lewis-Carter:
 - I believe a transformational leader is one who deeply believes all children can learn and that all children deserve the life changing privilege of learning from a team of highly motivated teachers who care about them as scholars and citizens. This belief energizes me and I know my charter colleagues would agree.
 - I encourage my colleagues in charter schools to participate in this year's Principal of the Year process. I think it's important that we show the state the many awesome things going on in our charter schools.

Please have a representative participate in the webinar on October 23rd at 10 a.m.

100% charter participation is encouraged. Please reach out to Joni Lacy at ExcellentEducators@la.gov with any questions.

Thank you in advance for your efforts and participation.

