



NCSSED Association of Parents & Staff

advocacy, partnership, support

2009-10 BEST PRACTICE AWARDS

★★★★ Request for Nominations ★★★★★

The NCSSED Association of Parents & Staff will once again be recognizing outstanding school initiatives promoting understanding and inclusion of students with special needs with the **Ninth Annual Best Practice Awards**. The Best Practice Awards recognize schools showing leadership and innovation in areas such as advocacy, partnership, intervention, disability awareness, and social inclusion and serve as role models for others. Past recipients include:

- ★ *PANDA Disability Awareness Program*, Sherwood School, North Shore School District 112
- ★ *High Five Chorus*, New Trier High School, District 203
- ★ *Parent Discussion Initiative*, Glenview District 34
- ★ *Buddy Program – Fifth Grade Service Project*, Wilmet School, Deerfield, District 109

We invite you to nominate a program or initiative at your school or district!

Programs nominated should 1) in some way benefit children with disabilities and/or their families, 2) have a significant impact on the school community and 3) be capable of being replicated by other interested schools/districts. Recipients will be asked to make a brief presentation on April 20, 2010 to share their successful programs with parents, staff and administrators.

Your nomination should include the following information:

1. Parent(s) Submitting Nomination (include name, address, phone number and e-mail)
2. School/District Being Nominated (include name, address, and key contact)
3. Program/Initiative Description and Reason for Nomination

Please send completed forms by **March 12th** to: APS Best Practice Initiatives
c/o Ginna Pugh, 2460 Crabtree Lane, Northbrook, IL 60062 or ginnapugh@sbcglobal.net

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