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Patty Ritchie

## Ritchie Now Accepting “Golden Apple” Award for Teaching Excellence Nominations

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### **Honorees to be Celebrated at Event on May 30<sup>th</sup>**

State Senator Patty Ritchie has announced she is now accepting nominations for her “Golden Apple” Award for Teaching Excellence, an honor designed to recognize teachers who go above and beyond to help students succeed.

“Throughout our region there are countless educators who are impacting young lives by enabling students to achieve success each and every day,” said Senator Ritchie.

“Whether it’s making learning fun and exciting or putting in that extra time to make sure a struggling student succeeds, so many teachers go above and beyond to inspire those they educate. I’m thrilled to once again have this opportunity show my appreciation and support for all they do.”

Last year, Senator Ritchie honored more than 40 educators from Oswego, Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties for their dedication and commitment to education.

Teachers in Oswego, Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties are eligible for nomination. Nomination forms can be [found here](#), or those interested in suggesting an individual for the honor may call (315) 782-3418 to have a form mailed to them. Nomination forms must be received by May 9<sup>th</sup>. All nominees will be recognized at a special event on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Senator Ritchie’s “Golden Apple” Award for Teaching Excellence represents her latest effort in support of local schools and educators. Recently, the newly-enacted State Budget added \$20 million in new funding

for schools in the 48th Senate District, which includes Jefferson, Oswego and part of St. Lawrence Counties—the largest hike in five years and nearly three times the increase proposed in January by the Governor for North Country and Central New York schools.