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Dear Education Leader,

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) Program was established in 1983 by the White House and is sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF). This year the program will identify outstanding science (including computer science) and mathematics *teachers teaching grades K-6*. Teachers are identified in each state and the four United States jurisdictions. These teachers will serve as models for their colleagues and will be leaders in the improvement of science and mathematics teaching.

In 2016, up to 10 state finalists will be selected, five in each group of Math and Science. From these 2016 state finalists, a national committee will choose two national level awardees, one in each award group from North Dakota. Each National awardee will receive a \$10,000 personal award and an all-expense paid trip to recognition events and other activities in Washington, D.C.

Please nominate an outstanding teacher from your school district. A nomination form found at www.paemst.org will start the process and can be completed by anyone. Teachers can start submitting applications now and the deadline is May 1, 2016. All nominations are due April 1, 2016. The North Dakota State Coordinator for math and science (including computer science) is Mr. Paul Keidel, and he can be contacted at paul_keidel@bismarckschools.org or (701) 425-2020. His mailing address is:

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If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact the Office of Academic Support at 1-888-605-1951.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kirsten Baesler".

Kirsten Baesler, State Superintendent