

The **Excellence In Education Award** was created by the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) of Berrien County as a way to honor those persons who have played a vital role in educating and supporting students with impairments.

### Who is eligible for this award?

Persons deserving of this prestigious award that have gone "**above and beyond the call of duty**" to contribute to the success of the students they serve, including:

**Special Education Teachers** who work with students in a variety of educational settings (resource room, team-teaching situations, inclusive classrooms, etc.).

**General Education Teachers** who have provided exceptional educational opportunities for students in the general education classroom and beyond.

**Administrators** who have demonstrated outstanding leadership on behalf of students with impairments.

**Ancillary Staff**, including social workers, speech therapists, school psychologists, teacher consultants, occupational or physical therapists.

**Support Staff** who assist students in the special and general education settings, including paraprofessionals, bus drivers, peer tutors and secretarial staff.

**Volunteers** who have improved the quality of life of students through work on school committees, school-sponsored activities, or in the classroom. Also includes businesses or civic organizations which have donated time or resources to serve the special needs population.

## What is the PAC?

- The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is a group of parents who have children in special education programs or who receive services within the Regional Education Service Agency (RESA).
- PACs are unique to Michigan. In Berrien County, each local school district designates two parents to represent them on this committee.
- The PAC's primary function is to review the RESA plan. This plan is a written document describing how special education services in our county will be implemented to meet the needs of students.
- PAC members serve as liaisons between parents, their local school districts, and the RESA, helping all parties to collaborate in the best interests of students with impairments.
- PAC meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month (except December, February, June, July and August). March is the PAC Banquet. It is held the second Tuesday of that month at 6:30 p.m. each year. All meetings and the Banquet are held at the Berrien RESA Conference Center located at 711 St. Joseph Avenue, Berrien Springs. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!

**To learn more about the PAC,** get in touch with your local PAC representative, or receive a copy of the Parent Information Handbook, contact Jackie VanHorn, PAC President, at (269) 487-6156 or [jvanhorn71@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jvanhorn71@sbcglobal.net)



# Everyone likes to be recognized for a job well-done.

**If you know someone working on behalf of students with impairments who deserves special recognition, nominate them for the**

2018-2019  
Berrien RESA  
Special Education PAC

# Excellence In Education Award

**Nominations are due to Berrien RESA by December 7, 2018.**

**The Awards Banquet will be held March 12, 2019.**

**Return this form to:**

PAC Chairperson  
C/O Autumn Poole,  
Berrien RESA  
PO Box 364  
711 St. Joseph Avenue  
Berrien Springs, MI 49103

or... email to Char Quiriconi  
[char.quiriconi@berrienresa.org](mailto:char.quiriconi@berrienresa.org)

or... Just drop it off at the office of  
your local school district.

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**All nominees will  
receive an  
invitation to  
attend the  
Awards Banquet  
on March 12, 2019**

**Need more information?**

Call Char Quiriconi  
(269) 471-7725 ext. 1302  
[char.quiriconi@berrienresa.org](mailto:char.quiriconi@berrienresa.org)

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no later than  
December 7, 2018**

**Nominee's Information**

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator's Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Tell us why your nominee deserves this award.  
(Please attach a letter of nomination)**

**Nominees will be selected based upon evidence of:**

- **Support, communication, and partnership with parents.**
- **Efforts to improve and/or sustain the educational performance of students, with special attention given to innovative programs or services.**
- **Distinction in providing educational excellence.**

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