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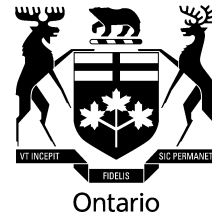
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Dear Friend,

At the heart of Ontario's child care system are the early childhood educators who support our families. They make a difference in children's lives every day.

That is why the Ministry of Education created the **Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence** – to recognize outstanding educators in Ontario.

This year, to recognize the unique role that registered early childhood educators play in supporting children and families, I am delighted to introduce two new awards: Early Childhood Educator of the Year and Full-Day Kindergarten Team of the Year.

To date, we have honoured a total of 126 recipients. They have amazing stories to tell – and they go back to their communities energized and motivated to support more children and families. I am hoping you will help to continue building that energy.

Our nomination deadline for this year is February 6, 2012.

You can help us promote the awards by:

- Sharing this information within your community.
- Joining our online conversations at [Facebook.com/ONteachingawards](https://www.facebook.com/ONteachingawards) and [Twitter.com/OntarioEDU](https://twitter.com/OntarioEDU).
- Distributing and posting promotional materials. You can find the nomination form and promotional materials at [ontario.ca/teachingawards](http://ontario.ca/teachingawards). More materials are on the way.

Thank you for promoting the Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence.

Yours truly,

Laurel Broten  
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