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Dear Fellow Educator:

Teaching is a noble profession. It puts you in daily contact with a community's most precious resource – its children. You teach not only by using books, Smart Boards, the Internet and other resources, but also by being yourself, offering a good example and providing inspiration for your students. As an educator you find teaching rewarding, but at times it can be challenging. Every teacher needs a supporter, an encourager, a listener, an “unsung hero.”

I understand the need. I've walked in your shoes at the elementary, middle and high school level and adult education. There was no award to honor my “unsung hero,” but you have an option – the Superintendent's Unsung Hero Award. Here's your opportunity to thank the person who helps you give your very best in the classroom every day.

Any classroom teacher may nominate a spouse, parent, stepparent, child or stepchild for the award. The nomination period is Nov. 5-Dec. 4. Please, only one nomination per teacher. The nomination form, available at www.pcsb.org, simply asks you to write about your “unsung hero” in 250 words or less and submit a photo of the person.

A selection committee will pare the nominations to five finalists. I will choose the winner from that group. The finalists and their nominators will be honored at the Jan. 20, 2010 Evening of Excellence (formerly Outstanding Educator Awards and Hall of Honor) celebration at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater. The winner will receive \$500 and the four finalists will receive recognition gifts from the Pinellas Education Foundation.

Nominations are due in the Communications Office by 4:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4. Don't delay. Here's a great chance to say thank you to the very special person who stands beside you in spirit in the classroom each day.

Sincerely,

Julie M. Janssen, Ed.D.
Superintendent



Superintendent's Unsung Hero Award – Nomination Form

Please complete this form to nominate a member of your immediate family for the Superintendent's Unsung Hero Award. This information will be used in the selection process. The nomination deadline is Dec. 4, 2009.

Information about the person making the nomination:

Classroom Teacher Name: _____

School: _____

Pony Route # _____ or Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

School Principal Signature Required: _____

Unsung Hero Nominee Name: _____

Relationship to Classroom Teacher: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOMINATING:

- Please attach a 250-word narrative describing why the person you are nominating should be selected as the Superintendent's Unsung Hero.
- Please attach a color photo of your Unsung Hero. Photos will not be returned.
- Five finalists will be chosen by a selection committee.
- The Superintendent's Unsung Hero will be selected from the finalists by Julie M. Janssen, Ed.D.
- The finalists and their nominators will be invited to attend the 2010 Evening of Excellence celebration Jan. 20, 2010, at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater.

Please attach this form to your narrative along with a color photo of your Unsung Hero. Please submit your nomination form and requested information to:

**Communications Office
Administration Building
301 Fourth St. SW
Largo, FL 33770**

Applications cannot be accepted later than Dec. 4, 2009, at 4:30 p.m.