

# Marie Bourke Leadership Award

***Good principals make a difference ... great principals touch lives.***

The Marie Bourke Leadership Award was established by Glenn and Janice Friendt to affirm and recognize the impact of great principals on the lives of students and teachers. The Award will annually recognize an outstanding principal in the Lincoln Public Schools. Principals honored by the award demonstrate outstanding levels of leadership and continuous improvement in student achievement and development. The award is \$1,000 and also includes participation in The Gallup Organization Leadership program.

## **Selection Criteria**

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### **Direction**

- Communicates a vision of what the school can become that inspires others.
- Provides leadership of students, staff and community toward a shared vision.

### **Involvement**

- Creates significant opportunities for participation, shared decision-making, and leadership development by staff and students.
- Encourages community participation and involvement through meaningful partnerships and leadership roles.

### **Student Achievement**

- Structures the school for achievement.
- Demonstrates improvement in student achievement.

## **Eligibility**

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To be eligible for nomination, individuals must be current principals of the Lincoln Public Schools in Lincoln, Nebraska.

## **Nomination and Selection Process**

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Students, teachers, parents and staff or fellow principals may nominate a principal ***through a letter*** that states why the principal is deserving of the award. Please include your name and address in your nomination letter. All letters of nomination must be addressed to:

Marie Bourke Leadership Award  
c/o Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools  
5901 O Street  
Lincoln, NE 68510

Nominees will be sent application materials by the Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools. Upon completion of the application materials, nominees will be considered for the award.

## **Selection Panel**

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A selection panel will consist of the following members: the Award's funding source, a business leader, a teacher, a past award recipient, and representatives from Lincoln Public Schools, the Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools, and the City of Lincoln. The selection panel will evaluate application materials, conduct an interview with finalists, and determine the annual award winner(s).

## **Schedule**

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November 16, 2009	Nominations Due by 4 p.m.
March 1, 2010	Applications from Nominees Due
April 15, 2010	Selection Process Complete
May 4, 2010	Gold Star Salute – Award Presentation



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