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FROM THE COMMISSIONER

I wish to congratulate Resource Training and Solutions and all of the outstanding educators who are being honored here tonight. I regret that I am unable to be here in person to congratulate each of you who are changing lives and molding the minds of tomorrow's leaders.

I specifically want to congratulate Resource Training and Solutions on their 20th anniversary of their commitment to honoring excellence in education at this ceremony. Recognizing educators who have set the bar high for themselves pushes all of us to do better. As a result, Resource isn't just honoring the hard working and talented educators here tonight – they are urging us all to work harder in our pursuit of a world class Minnesota's education system where every Minnesota student can succeed.

The educators being honored here tonight deserve praise for their immeasurable contribution. As I have traveled Minnesota visiting schools it has been my focus to learn about best practices and to share success stories from teachers, administrators, and principals. We need to celebrate and replicate your hard work, which is why I encourage you all to keep working creatively to reach your students and to share with your colleagues what works. The ripple effect of your success will spark growth and opportunity for students in your classroom and beyond.

With you in spirit, I hope you have a wonderful celebration. You have earned it.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brenda Cassellius

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Commissioner



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THAT ENRICH OUR MEMBERS AND EQUIP
THEM WITH THE TOOLS FOR SUCCESS.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: OCTOBER 24, 2012

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I came across this piece in the book, *In Praise of Teachers*. It's from a conversation with Jill Ker Conway. "Teaching is a moral and sacred act. I think the characteristics of a good teacher begin with genuine respect for the student's mind. That respect conveys to students that they can take themselves seriously. Next to that, I think, is a real love for the young and joy in seeing them grow and develop. Next to that is a passion for the discipline. You can be passionate about your discipline but if you lack respect for the young mind and love of young people, you won't be able to communicate it very well."



"We can teach people how to be good teachers up to a relatively high degree but I think teaching is also a talent. The really great teachers have this kind of X-ray vision that allows them to look at a young person and see right into the important intersection of emotion and intellect and see how to harness that emotional energy and intellectual effort and bring it to fruition. And that is a kind of X-ray vision that can't be taught. You either have it or you don't."

You have that X-ray vision. Thank you for being a teacher and educator. Teaching is the toughest and most important job in America. We salute you and praise you for your work. Congratulations and best wishes from all of us at Resource!

SINCERELY,

Robert C. Cavanna
ROBERT C. CAVANNA, ED.D.
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