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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Gloucester Education Foundation (GEF) is pleased to introduce a new way for you to recognize our district's teachers and staff! **This could be the perfect way to acknowledge that special teacher or member of the school community this holiday season (or any time during the year)!**

**WHAT is it?** "Honor a Teacher" is a new GEF appreciation program. It has been created out of our belief that many people in a school play an important role in your child's education—teachers, teaching teams/houses, aides, paraprofessionals; librarians, coaches and guidance counselors; specialists in art, music, media, physical fitness and science; custodians, food service team members, transportation staff, administrative assistants and other support staff; and administrators. *This program provides an opportunity for parents and others to honor individuals in the school community who have meaningfully impacted their child's education.*

**HOW does it work?** Honoring a teacher is easy! There are two ways to honor a teacher and make a donation.

- **Online** - Log onto [www.thinkthebest.org](http://www.thinkthebest.org) and click on "Honor a Teacher". Follow the prompts to complete the donor form and process a secure debit/credit card payment or donation via PayPal.
- **Mail** – Simply use the form on the reverse side or download a form from [www.thinkthebest.org](http://www.thinkthebest.org) (or pick up a form from your child's school) and then place the completed form along with your donation, payable to "**GEF**", in the mail.

**WHO receives your donation?** All donations go directly to GEF, which drives innovation, encourages creativity, expands student opportunities and empowers educators to strengthen teaching and learning in the Gloucester Public School District. Honor a Teacher Awardees will receive a letter informing them of your family's honorary gift, as well as your optional personalized note of appreciation. *All gift amounts will be confidential.* Gloucester Education Foundation is a (501)(c)(3) organization. Your donation is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law and will be acknowledged directly by GEF.

GEF's Honor a Teacher Task Force thanks you in advance for considering this new appreciation program for our teachers and staff.

***Happy Holidays from the GEF Honor a Teacher Task Force!***