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Dear Weston Educators,

The Weston Education Foundation seeks nominations for the David Trigaux Innovation Award.

The Weston Education Foundation (WEF) gives the annual David Trigaux Innovation Award to a teacher who has demonstrated an unusual level of originality and dedication toward creative teaching – a teacher who has truly made a difference in our school community. The Award is a cash gift of \$2,000, which may be used in any way that fosters innovation in the classroom, including travel, studies, or work outside the classroom. WEF's objective is to enable the teacher to pursue his/her work with increased vigor.

The Award is named for David Trigaux - teacher, principal, program administrator, and former superintendent of the Weston Schools - who was widely recognized for encouraging creativity in education and for his support of teachers who brought it to their classrooms. He also played a critical role in the start and early evolution of the Weston Education Foundation.

The nominee must:

- have introduced substantive curricular innovations that may be replicated by others,
- have invented new and effective ways of teaching a broad range of students and responding to the diverse needs of all students in the classroom, and
- have taught in Weston for at least four years; been granted tenure in Connecticut; be a teacher in good standing; and be returning to the Weston schools in the coming year

Any Weston school administrator or certified or non-certified staff member may nominate a teacher for this Award. Self-nomination is not permitted. The deadline for nominations is April 1, 2021. To submit a nomination, please complete the enclosed form and email it to grants@westoneducationfoundation.org. The Grants Committee will review all eligible award nominations and may submit up to three names to the WEF Board, along with its recommendation. The Board will vote on whether to grant the Award at its spring meeting. You can also access the form on our website: <https://www.westoneducationfoundation.org/grants/types-of-grants/david-trigaux-innovation-award/david-trigaux-innovation-award-apply-now/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at grants@westoneducationfoundation.org.

Yours,

Martin Mohabeer
Grants Committee Chair, Weston Education Foundation

**Weston Education Foundation
The David Trigaux Innovation Award
Nominator's Form**

The Weston Education Foundation believes creativity in teaching is present everywhere in the Weston schools. We seek to identify an individual whose innovative ideas have been especially pronounced, whose teaching methods create a spirit of learning, and whose work is worthy of replication. All nominees will be given a form requesting additional information. WEF may also solicit other input, as well as names of individuals who have seen the results of the nominated teacher's work.

Name of nominee:

School:

Grade(s) and/or subject(s) taught:

Please give **SPECIFIC** answers to these questions and focus on the content and creativity of the nominee's accomplishments. The committee relies heavily on the information provided by you and the nominee, so specificity and details are important.

1) How has this teacher responded to the diverse needs of all the students in the classroom in ways that are outside the norm?

2) How has the teacher been creatively involved in one or more district educational priorities, including but not limited to: AIM, math renewal, blended learning, PBIS, the promotion of cognitive engagement with the common core, the leveraging of technology tools to enhance learning, adopting new methodologies for "roomies" and "zoomies", development of new classes and programs around DEI, incorporating innovative teaching styles around DEI issues, creating new learning models for HES students, and creating new learning models for SPED students?

Signature of nominator _____

Name of nominator and position _____

(Please print)

Date submitted _____