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EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD
Science and Mathematics

State Director:

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Candidate in the Area of:
(Check Only One)

Biology _____
Chemistry _____
Physics _____
Earth Science _____
Mathematics X

Recommendation Form

This form should be completed only by a person in the education profession qualified to judge the teaching effectiveness of the candidate or, if not in the education profession, by a person uniquely qualified to know of the teaching effectiveness of the candidate. Two such recommendations must be mailed to the State Director.

Statements by the recommending person must be specific. Give specific examples to support general statements like, "has good work habits," or "is an excellent teacher," etc. Unless you give specific examples, you penalize the candidate.

Name of candidate Wes Mosher
School in which candidate teaches West Monona Community High
Address of school Onawa, Iowa

- Teaching Ability: What techniques does this teacher employ? Is his course comprehensive yet enjoyed by students? Does he enjoy teaching?
About the highest compliment that can be given to any teacher is to say that they are a true professional person. This I can say about Mr. Mosher. He is a true professional teacher. He is teaching school because he loves and understands children. He motivates and challenges each child in his classes. He is respected by all the students. He has time before and after school and during his planning period to help the student that wants help. Mr. Mosher uses a variety of techniques to motivate his students in mathematics.
 - Cooperativeness: How does the teacher cooperate in the school program or other academic areas? Cooperative in community affairs?
Mr. Mosher cooperates with his fellow teachers and the school administrators. He has been chairman of several committees and is very interested in community affairs.
1. (Con't.) I've observed him when he has used the question and answer technique - lecture - student discussion and student participation. He varies his classes to meet the need of the student and so the class will not become routine.

3. Inventiveness: What new ideas does he use, or has he produced, in teaching?
What new devices?

Mr. Mosher tries to motivate each child. He is a firm believer that each student has different learning abilities and he tries to get the most from each child.

4. Initiative: Be specific. Has failure stopped him? Does he adapt his methods to new situations?

To my knowledge Mr. Mosher has not failed in any of the projects that he has attempted. He has had a few disappointing moments though. During track Mr. Mosher had several boys become ill just before a track meet. He made adjustments on the team the best he could but he took it in stride. Mr. Mosher felt this is part of life and he lives it that way.

5. Principal Strength of Candidate:

Mr. Mosher is an outstanding teacher, a fine coach and the type of person you like to have your children associated with.

6. Principal Weakness of Candidate:

None to my knowledge.

7. Other Important Information:

Mr. Mosher is the most dedicated teacher that I have ever been associated with.

Name of recommending person Donald E. Southwick
Address Onawa, Iowa Official position High School Principal