



TO: Mother Lode ACSA Members **TIME SENSITIVE Respond by 12/09/2011**

FROM: Scott Nanik, Mother Lode ACSA President Elect.
Director on Alternative Education CCOE

RE: **Selecting Students From Each School Site
for “Every Student Succeeding” Recognition**

DATE: November 8, 2011

As you are aware, our Region and State ACSA groups sponsor the “Every Student Succeeding” award for deserving students. Our Charter has participated in the program for the past five years. Our greatest desire is to honor students **locally** and then choose one student from Amador and Calaveras County to be sent on to the region level for consideration for state recognition.

Here is how the program will work.

1) At the local school site level - By December 9th, choose “a student from your school who has succeeded, against all odds, beyond expectations, or simply won the hearts of the administrators and other educators who helped them achieve their goals.” The selection process at the site level can be determined by the school district. It may involve the principal/ACSA member selecting a student based on their individual knowledge. Or a principal may involve a team approach to selecting the student by involving teachers or other staff in the process.

Fill out the attached *Every Student Succeeding* form and forward it to me at snanik@ccoe.k12.ca.us

At this first, local level, we want to keep it simple. Our goal is to honor each student and their parents at a breakfast in January. We will hold separate breakfast meetings in Amador and Calaveras Counties because of travel time. The principal will be asked to bring the student who can invite their parents or caregiver to attend. Each principal will be asked to introduce their student and give a two-minute talk on why they were selected. Each student will receive a certificate honoring his or her achievement. **Mother Lode ACSA will cover the costs for the breakfast and awards for the student and principal/ACSA member. School sites or the district are asked to pay for the breakfast for the parents/family who attend and other faculty who may attend.** The cost per breakfast including tax and tip is approximately \$25.00. (Perhaps the Parent Club or Title I funds for parent communication/student recognition could be utilized?)

All Mother Lode ACSA members are invited to attend at no charge – not just principals. Please RSVP your attendance to Val Apley vapley@ccoe.k12.ca.us

The Amador Breakfast will be held at Mel’s in Jackson on Thursday, January 19th.
The Calaveras Breakfast will be held at Ironstone Vineyards on Thursday, January 26th.

2) Nominations to the Regional Level. At the conclusion of the local awards, students who have clearly overcome major barriers will be reviewed. The ACSA board will select a student to represent each county and the principal will be asked to fill out the more complete nomination papers to be forwarded to the Region level for consideration.

3) Who Is Eligible? – Any student, regardless of grade level is eligible for recognition. Each school site in Amador and Calaveras County, regardless of size, may submit a name for local recognition and possible selection for Region VII consideration.

We believe that our local ACSA charter will be appreciated for our efforts to recognize deserving students. If you have any questions, please give me a call at (209) 754-1996 x6107.