WATERTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT #14-4 CERTIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

Each year, the Watertown School District accepts nominations for its Certified Employee of the Year Award. This is a tremendous opportunity for us to recognize certified employees in our system who have done an outstanding job in their classroom or area. The positions eligible for nominations are: teacher, counselor, nurse, psychologist, speech therapist, occupational therapist, teacher assistant or social worker.

Here are four guidelines to keep in mind as you consider your nominee.

- 1. It is important to emphasize that the search is not for the "best certified employee", but for one who exemplifies the finest in the profession.
- 2. The major purpose of the program is to recognize the contribution of certified employees. Each candidate should be an exceptionally skilled and dedicated certified employee, who is planning to continue in an active education status.
- 3. Each candidate should have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues and play an active, useful role in the school and community.
- 4. All of the above qualifications are important considerations, but the most important quality is a superior ability to inspire and help students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn.

Please type or write legibly. Attach additional comments if necessary. Nominee's Name:______ Current Position:_____ Nominated By: Total Years of Education Experience:_______ Years of Experience in Watertown:_____ Please share information to support your nomination. The information should relate to the guidelines identified above. 1. Please list experiences (years and locations). 2. What specific programs/activities/strategies make this certified employee unique in his/her profession? 3. Why do you feel this certified employee should be chosen as Watertown's Certified Employee of the Year? Please share any general comments regarding this nominee.

4.	in the past by the nominee.)
5.	Community involvement. (Organizations or community activities that nominee has been involved in.)

We are excited to see who will be nominated this year to continue the strong tradition that was started 10 years ago! Past winners of the Certified Employee of the Year Award are:

2000 - Bill Zubke, High School

2001 – Diane Johnson, Roosevelt

2002 – Jean Schmitt, Jefferson

2003 – Char Souter, McKinley

2004 – Scott Shephard, High School

2005 – Jensi Kellogg-Andrus, High School

2006 – Barb Carson, Middle School

2007 – Jane Olson, Lincoln

2008 – Lori Rook, Jefferson

2009 - Kris O'Brien, High School

The Watertown Certified Employee of the Year Committee will consist of the following members:

Superintendent Three Community Members

Assistant Superintendent Three Teachers

Board Member Three Building Administrators