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## *Passion for Excellence Award*

**Purpose:** A key concept in the district’s mission statement is “...promoting a passion for excellence in all aspects of the educational program.” The Passion for Excellence Awards recognizes individuals or organizations who exemplify commitment to excellence in our public schools.

**Dedication:** John Hinkfuss, serving as school Board member in 1992, was an instrumental member of the mission statement committee. It was evident at the time the mission statement was created and during his service as a Board member that John Hinkfuss was committed to a “passion for excellence.”

The Passion For Excellence recognition program honors the memory of John Hinkfuss’ service as a Board member by promoting a passion for excellence in the Neenah Joint School District.

**Eligibility:** Residents of the Neenah Joint School District community--parents, staff, students, public figures, community members--are eligible for the award. Groups or organizations could also be recipients of the award. The Board reserves the prerogative to present the award to non-resident individuals, groups, or organizations.

**Selection Criteria:** The awardee should clearly demonstrate a commitment to promoting a “passion for excellence” in our educational programs. Recognition via a Passion for Excellence Award could reflect a single achievement or a lifetime of service.

**Selection Process:** The Board determines awardees from completed nominations endorsed by the Ad Hoc Passion for Excellence Committee. A nomination form will be used by the Ad Hoc Passion for Excellence Committee in considering endorsement of award candidates to the school Board. This nomination process includes a ninety-day period of consideration starting upon submission of the completed nomination form. Self-nomination is not permitted. Nominations can be considered by the Ad Hoc Passion for Excellence Committee at any time. As considered appropriate, two to three individuals, groups or organizations would receive the award per calendar year.

**Award:** The awardee is to be presented with an appropriate memento of the award in a public ceremony sponsored by the Board of Education. The awardee’s name is engraved on a plaque placed in the Board of Education meeting room.