Dear DI Users, Trainers and Advocates,

An important feature of Direct Instruction (DI) is to celebrate success—the success of students, teachers and entire schools. For many years there has been a tradition of recognizing individual and group achievements at the annual National Direct Instruction Conference in Eugene, Oregon. The National Institute for Direct Instruction (NIFDI) will continue this tradition at the 49th National DI Conference through the Excellence in Education Awards this summer! An awards ceremony will take place at the National DI Conference in Eugene and the recipients for the following awards will be recognized:

- **Siegfried Engelmann Excellence in Education Award** – This award is named after Siegfried “Zig” Engelmann, co-creator of Direct Instruction, senior author of the DI programs and founder of NIFDI. The recipient of this award can be anyone – a teacher, paraprofessional, administrator, college professor, etc. – who has provided a significant contribution to the field of education and/or student achievement.

- **Wes Becker Excellent School Award** – This award is named after Wesley Becker, co-creator of Direct Instruction and longtime Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Oregon. This award is given to a school for exemplary implementation of Direct Instruction.

- **The Wayne Carnine Student Improvement Award** – This award is named after the father of Doug Carnine, DI co-author and longtime Professor of Education at the University of Oregon. It is given to a student who has demonstrated remarkable academic success with DI. Teachers submit nominations. The winner, selected by Doug and Linda Carnine, will be presented with a plaque and $200.

The following pages contain nomination forms for the awards. An independent committee will review nominations from the field and honor individuals and schools that have made a significant difference in the educational achievement of children. Please take time to think about and nominate a student, colleague and/or school. Perhaps it is someone who worked with a child after a parent had been told the child “has a learning disability” and will never learn to read. Or a classroom teacher whose students have consistently shown notable performance gains. Your nominee may be a principal who stood by what was right and implemented DI successfully. Or a college professor who taught a methods class centered around DI. Or a student that made amazing progress this current school year. There are many more examples out there.

Please take the opportunity to honor a member of the DI “family.” This recognition is such a simple thing but it means so much to the individuals and our profession. The deadline for submission is June 3. I hope to see many nominations!

Sincerely,

Kurt Engelmann,
President
2023 Siegfried Engelmann Excellence in Education Award Nomination Form

Procedure:
1) Complete both sides of this form. Use extra pages as needed.
2) Arrange for at least 3 letters of reference and provide a brief biographical sketch of the nominee.
3) Submit 4 copies of all nomination material to:
   Excellence in Education Awards
   PO Box 11248
   Eugene, OR 97440

All materials must be received by June 3.

Nominee Information
Name _________________________________________________________________
Title __________________________________________________________________
Work Address ________________________ City ________ St _____ Zip ___________
Home Address ________________________City ________ St _____ Zip ___________
Telephone __________________________ Email ______________________________

Overview Information
Which DI programs is the nominee currently teaching/supervising?
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Which DI programs has the nominee previously taught? ______________________
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Type of students currently teaching_______________________________________
Type of students previously taught _______________________________________

Awards, Citations, or Recognitions
Please list any official recognition of the nominee’s contribution to educational performance
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**Rationale**
Please explain why you believe the nominee deserves to receive an Excellence in Education Award. Use extra pages as needed. Summarize available data and attach.

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**Nominator Information**
Name _________________________________________________________________
Title __________________________________________________________________
Work Address ________________________ City ________ St _____ Zip ___________
Home Address ________________________ City ________ St _____ Zip ___________
Telephone __________________________ Email ______________________________
Signature ______________________________________________________________
Date __________________________________________________________________

**Due Date**
Nominations must be received by June 3. Recipients will be notified by June 15.
Send your nomination packet “Return Receipt Requested.”
2023 Wesley Becker Excellent School Award Nomination Form

Procedure
1) Complete both sides of this form. Use extra pages as needed.
2) Arrange for at least 3 letters of support of the nominated school.
3) Submit 4 copies of all nomination material to:
   Excellence in Education Awards
   PO Box 11248
   Eugene, OR 97440

All materials must be received by June 3.

Nominee Information
Name of School _________________________________________________________
Name of Principal _______________________________________________________
Address _____________________________ City ________ St _____ Zip ___________
Telephone __________________________ Email ______________________________

Overview Information
How many students in the nominated school are using DI programs? ____________
How many grade levels in the nominated school are using DI programs? ____________
How many years has the school been using DI programs? _______________________

Programs
Please list the DI programs the nominated school uses.
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Awards, Citations, or Recognitions
Please list any official recognition of the nominee’s contribution to educational performance
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Rationale
Please explain why you believe the nominated school deserves to receive an Excellent School Award. Please provide any relevant student performance data. Use extra pages as needed.

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Nominator Information
Name _________________________________________________________________
Title __________________________________________________________________
Work Address ________________________ City ________ St _____ Zip ___________
Home Address ________________________ City ________ St _____ Zip ___________
Telephone __________________________ Email ______________________________
Signature ________________________________________________________________
Date __________________________________________________________________

Due Date
Nominations must be received by June 3. Recipients will be notified by June 15.
Send your nomination packet “Return Receipt Requested.”
The Wayne Carnine Student Improvement Award

The Wayne Carnine Student Improvement Award was established by Doug and Linda Carnine as a memorial to Doug’s father, Wayne Carnine. Wayne Carnine was a wonderful man who, along with his wife, gave Direct Instruction one of its most valuable assets—Doug. Along with the acknowledgment of a job well done, the student will receive a $200 cash award. “Outstanding improvement” can be either behavioral or academic, or both.

Procedure
1) Complete this form.
2) Submit a written statement of the nominee’s Outstanding Improvement. Include any letters of support.
3) Submit 4 copies of all nomination material to:
   
   Wayne Carnine Student Improvement Award
   PO Box 11248
   Eugene, OR 97440

All materials must be received by June 3.

Nominee Information
Name ________________________________ School ___________________________
Address _____________________________ City ________ St _____ Zip ___________
Relationship to Nominator: (teacher, parent, aide) _____________________________
Parent Name _______________________ Telephone ___________________________

Nominator Information
Name ________________________________ Title ___________________________
Work Address ________________________ City ________ St _____ Zip ___________
Home Address ________________________ City ________ St _____ Zip ___________
Email: _________________________________
Telephone: Work ____________________ Home ______________________________
Signature ______________________________
Date __________________________________________________________________

Due Date
Nominations must be received by June 3. Recipients will be notified by June 15. Send your nomination packet “Return Receipt Requested.”