**Project Bread – The Walk for Hunger**

**2020 Teacher Champion Award**

*Reducing Child Hunger in the Classroom*

*Description & Nomination Form*

Project Bread is pleased to honor teachers in Massachusetts who are committed to ending hunger in their school. Because we know that school breakfast is a critical strategy to addressing hunger in schools, this year, we are recognizing teachers who have helped to champion their school breakfast programs.

**Background**

Project Bread is a statewide organization committed to preventing and ending hunger in Massachusetts. For over twenty years, Project Bread has worked with school districts across the Commonwealth to increase participation in the School Breakfast and Summer Food Service Programs in partnership with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Project Bread’s team provides technical assistance and innovative solutions to support schools and community partners that are implementing and expanding breakfast and summer meal programs. Project Bread’s goal is to ensure that all children in Massachusetts have reliable access to healthy meals throughout the year.

**Teacher Champions**

Teachers play an important role in fighting childhood hunger. They are strong advocates for kids and trusted members of the community. But they need proper support, resources, and partnerships to make a difference for their students without compromising their primary role as educators. Project Bread’s Teacher Champion Award recognizes teachers for their commitment to nurturing the whole child and offers financial and programmatic support to increase food access for students. This year, we are recognizing teachers who have helped champion their school breakfast programs. School breakfast can help students better focus in the classroom and protect against long-term health issues. Teachers play a key role in making school breakfast, especially Breakfast After the Bell programs, a success.

**Eligibility**

* The Teacher Champion must have demonstrated interest and commitment to reducing child hunger in their school through support for School Breakfast Programs.
* The Teacher Champion may apply on their own or be nominated by a colleague from their district.
* It is likely that one Teacher Champion per district will be selected, though multiple nominations are welcome.

**Award**

* The Teacher Champion will receive a $500 stipend for personal use.
* The Teacher Champion will also receive $1,000 to invest in the school breakfast program in some way. (Examples include, but are not limited to, purchasing breakfast clean-up supplies for every classroom in your school, educational materials to be used during breakfast time to teach students about the importance of breakfast/healthy eating, or small prizes or activities to help encourage students to eat breakfast.)

**Requirements of Award Recipients**

* The Teacher Champion will be recognized as an expert in addressing hunger in the classroom, and as such, will be asked to participate in a few activities to help promote school breakfast. Activities may include:
	+ providing feedback on informative materials distributed to families or used in schools related to hunger and nutrition programs
	+ attending and/or speaking at Project Bread events throughout the year (as appropriate) such as the Walk for Hunger or events at the State House
	+ participating in a video aimed at other teachers in Massachusetts to promote a range of hunger solutions
	+ being highlighted through press and social media to raise awareness about child hunger and community solutions

Recognizing the value of teachers’ time, Project Bread will coordinate the activities described above and work with the teachers to minimize their time commitment.

**Process**

* Complete this nomination form and email it to the Child Nutrition Outreach Program at Project Bread at CNOP@projectbread.org by February 10, 2020.
* Teacher Champions will be notified on February 25, 2020.

**Reporting Requirements**

* Teacher Champion activities will continue throughout calendar year 2020.
* Funds should be spent in full by September 30, 2020.
* Teacher Champions should report on spending by December 31, 2020.

**Contact Information**

* Please contact the Child Nutrition Outreach Program at cnop@projectbread.org or at 617-239-2543 with any questions.

**2020 PROJECT BREAD TEACHER CHAMPION AWARD**

**NOMINATION FORM**

**Section 1. Nominator Information (if different from Teacher nominee)**

Your Name:

Your Email:

Your Phone Number:

Your Job Title:

**Section 2. Teacher nomination information**

Nominee’s Name:

Nominee’s Email:

Nominee’s Phone Number:

Subject(s) Nominee Teaches:

Grade Level(s) Nominee Teaches:

School Name:

District Name:

**Section 2. School/District Profile**

*Please provide a brief paragraph description of your school and/or district. Questions to consider: What are the demographics of your students? What are the district’s/school’s priorities around improving nutrition and wellness? How does hunger manifest in the classroom? What does the School Breakfast Program look like?*

**Section 3. Teacher Champion Profile**

*Please provide a brief paragraph description about why this teacher should receive the Project Bread Teacher Champion Award, including details about the nominee’s commitment to reducing hunger in the classroom through the School Breakfast Program. This may include promotional activities the teacher has led, ways the teacher has supported or helped to implement breakfast programs, or other means the teacher uses to champion school breakfast for students.*

**Section 4: Application Certification**

I certify that the information in this application is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge and the grant our school may receive from Project Bread will be used in accordance with Project Bread award guidelines as indicated in this application.

*Your printed name will serve as your signature of certification.*

**Name:**

**Date:**