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Dear (Name),

Each year the National Association of Geoscience Teachers (NAGT) solicits nominations for North Carolina's Outstanding Earth Science Teacher. NAGT believes this award not only brings distinction to the individual but also reflects quality in the school, system, and state represented by the teacher. North Carolina has been the Southeastern winner for the past three years.

North Carolina support from industry, professional organizations and individuals has added to the prestige of the award. Finalists are recognized at the NC STA Annual meeting. In 2010, the winner received a plaque, a \$500 award and a subscription to the <u>Journal of Geoscience Education</u>. A Runner-up received a plaque plus a \$100 cash award. Three received certificates of Honorable Mention.

Your help is again needed to stimulate the nomination of the best possible candidates for the honor. Specifically we need you or your designee to identify and nominate the most outstanding earth science teacher within your system. Should your selection process be deadlocked over a pair of candidates, we will accept both in nomination. We must <u>receive</u> nominations by March 20 for them to be considered.

You can find the online nomination form at this URL. http://nagt.org/nagt/programs/oest-nom.html

From past experience I know that it is very important to document the qualities considered outstanding with attachments, which clearly corroborate the statements in the nomination.

Teachers of earth science courses and teachers performing as outstanding earth science teachers in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Integrated Science courses are eligible for nomination.

Sincerely,

C. Q. Brown, President SE NAGT