



"People You Can Bank On"

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Mr./Mme Chairman:

It is my pleasure to nominate Mr. Michael King for the 2005 Oklahoma Medal for Excellence in Elementary/Secondary Teaching and Administration. Having served as the President of the Enid Public School Foundation and having made nominations in the past, I understand the quality of the nominees that you will consider for this award.

Mike King stands apart as an example of the importance that administration plays in quality educational outcomes for our youths. Mr. King has presided over an era of unprecedented improvement in test scores, technological proficiency and overall high school and college preparedness. As Principal of DeWitt Waller Junior High School, Mike's leadership in creating alliances between teachers, their students and parents, as well as the school and the community has been critically important in achieving excellence for our students.

Mike has been a leader in obtaining and utilizing technology to provide students with 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning tools. The lessons these students are learning, however, are not just in the books or on the computer. Mr. King's teamwork approach to responsibility for educational outcomes makes students more accountable for their own achievement. Teachers are empowered to serve as mentors and guides through the educational process.

The result is a streamlined process focused on providing the best educational opportunity for each student. The test scores demonstrate the success of the approach that Mr. King has brought to Waller Junior High School. While he has had a variety of published works, it seems clear that Mike King's proudest publication will be the success of the faculty and students he leads.

Respectfully,

Todd Earl