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DATE: April 8, 2019

RE: 2019 Social Justice Activist Award Nominations Now Open

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- Do you know an **educator** who demonstrates the ability to lead, organize and engage fellow educators, students, parents, families, and the community to advocate on social and racial justice issues?
 - Do you know an **educator** who impacts the lives of students, fellow educators and their communities as an activist and leader?

[Nominations are open for the 2019 Social Justice Activist Award.](#)

Tell us about them!

NEA's Social Justice Activist Award will be presented to a NEA member this year at the NEA Conference on Racial and Social Justice. All finalists for the award will be supported to attend and address attendees at the Conference.

Important Dates:

- Nominations close on April 30, 2019. [See the nomination guidelines here.](#)
- Finalists announced and online voting opens on May 6. States and locals are encouraged to share the opportunity to vote widely among their members and partner organizations. *Voting is not limited to NEA members.
- Online Voting closes on May 30, 2019
- Winner will be announced at the Conference on Racial and Social Justice, George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX: July 1-2, 2019

Social Justice Activist of the Year Promotion:

- NEA Center for Social Justice will be emailing our social justice activist lists to announce the opening of nominations.
- NEA will also be promoting social media shares over the coming weeks, via NEA's social media properties.
- Attached please find a flyer to share with members. Also, look for social media shares over the coming weeks, via NEA's social media properties.

Please help us get the word out and identify members who have the passion and commitment to social and racial justice for educators, students, and communities. We need to hear their voices now more than ever.

Please let us know if you have any questions.