
**EAST GREENBUSH
SPECIAL NEEDS PARENT GROUP**

c/o Pat Martinelli
21 Budd Lane
East Greenbush, New York 12061

Pat Martinelli
Co-Chair
479-4413

Jessica Lansing
Co-Chair
472-0031

PARENT GROUP SEEKING NOMINATIONS
FOR SPECIAL EDUCATOR AWARD

The East Greenbush Special Needs Parent Group is accepting nominations for the annual Mary P. Van Derzee Special Educator of the Year Award. Eligible candidates must be employed by the East Greenbush Central School District and must work with students in special education.

Candidates should be nominated for embodying the following qualities: making an extraordinary investment of time and energy, placing children's needs first, and exhibiting exceptional skill, creativity, sensitivity, and patience. Please note that a candidate need not be a special education teacher to be nominated, but could be, for instance, a teaching assistant, social worker, speech/language teacher, administrator or any other school district employee.

Nominations should be submitted in written form and any format is acceptable. Please include the candidate's full name and school, and a justification, with examples. We welcome nominations made by parents, students or educators. Completed nominations should be sent to:

**Pat Martinelli, 21 Budd Lane, East Greenbush, New York 12061 or
Jessica Lansing, 120 Horizon View Drive East Greenbush, NY 12061
nominations must be received by July 17, 2009.**

All nominations will be fully considered and nominators will be advised in writing of the committee's decision. The selected candidate will be formally recognized at a school board meeting in September.

The Special Needs Parent Group is a group of parents of children with special needs, who may or may not have been formally identified by the school district. The group meets monthly and sponsors educational programs for parents and educators, advocates for improvement of services to children with special needs, and provides informational and emotional support to its members. Further information can be obtained by calling Jessica Lansing at 472-0031 or Pat Martinelli 479-4413.