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Millburn Public Schools

INFORMATION ITEM

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To: Board of Education Members

From: Ellen E. Mauer, PhD

Subject: Blue Pen and Red Apple Award

It is that time of year for awards, I hear. I had heard some conflicting information from staff when I was asking about a history of the awards and how we facilitate the process and had a discussion with Shawn about them. Shawn suggested that I gather some additional information through a survey so I sent out a very brief survey-monkey questionnaire to all staff.

I had a response of 108 people, which is a 45% response rate. For surveys, this is an awesome response! Basically, what I found was that 60% of the respondents do not want to continue with the awards as they have been done in the past, but want to have some kind of recognition. 40% feel that they like things as they are.

We can go either way on this. It is up to the BOE as to how they would like to proceed. I can do just what was done in the past or you may direct me to come up with a new recognition system.