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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Constituents

FROM: Hal Heiner, Chair
Kentucky Board of Education

DATE: December 17, 2018

SUBJECT: Nominations for Dr. Johnnie Grissom Award
Submission Deadline January 30, 2019

The late Dr. Johnnie Grissom served as a long-time KDE employee in the role of Associate Commissioner for the Office of Special Instructional Services. She provided magnificent commitment, service and leadership striving to help all students achieve at high levels through instructional equity and in closing the achievement gap. As her colleagues, the Department knows firsthand of her passion for equity and opportunity in education.

The Kentucky Board of Education is proud to announce the eighth annual Dr. Johnnie Grissom Award. This award will be given to a Kentuckian or a Kentucky organization to honor outstanding dedication to improving student achievement and for closing the achievement gap.

The Board invites your nomination(s) on the enclosed form. Because nominations may come from both organizations and individuals, additional copies of the form may be made and distributed throughout your membership/board. Notice that in addition to completing the nomination form, a brief narrative of 500 words or less describing how the person or organization has exhibited leadership, commitment and service to promoting high student achievement and closing the gap for all Kentucky children at the school, community and/or state levels must be submitted to me no later than **January 30, 2019**.

Thank you for your assistance in identifying and recognizing candidates/organizations that exemplify the characteristics of the late Dr. Johnnie Grissom.

If there are questions about the nomination process, contact Mardi Montgomery at (502) 564-3141, ext. 4840, or via e-mail at mardi.montgomery@education.ky.gov.

Enclosure: Dr. Johnnie Grissom Award Nomination Form