

The South Slave Divisional Education Council recognizes the sustained commitment and outstanding contributions made by staff, parents and community members to create the best possible futures for South Slave students. Council wishes to formally recognize the exemplary contributions made by Council staff and other valued partners in education. The policy provides a listing of the SSDEC awards available, and the criteria being considered for how recipients are selected.

REGULATIONS

The following awards will be considered for annual selection and recognition:

1. SSDEC's *Excellence in Education Award* – The purpose of this award is to honour program staff and partners in education whose teaching or leadership has significantly contributed to school improvement and/or student success in one or more areas. Recipient will be selected from the following two categories:
 - *Program Staff* – includes both full and part-time teachers, administrators, consultants, and education assistants serving South Slave schools during the school calendar year for which the award is granted.
 - *Partners in Education* – includes support staff (e.g. secretaries and custodians), parents, students, volunteers and other community members/groups that work in support of student learning.
 - *Jill Taylor Above and Beyond Award* – can be a staff member, parent, student, or partner who has gone above and beyond in volunteering to make positive impactful contributions that benefit the wellbeing of South Slave children or youth.

The selection committee may, when nominations warrant, select more than one recipient in any given year.

These awards are in addition to the Government of the NWT awards available to territorial government employees (ie. *Long Service Awards, Premier's Awards, Ministerial Awards*, etc.), and the NWT Teachers' Association's awards available to teachers (*Thank you for Making a Difference Award, Cliff King Award*, etc.). The SSDEC also supports the NWTTA's *Thank You For Making A Difference* initiative by offering to collect copies of the submissions and doing a draw (for a gift) from amongst them.

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References: GNWT Human Resources Manual