



May 4, 2007

Mr. Ryan Schaaf  
Clarksville Elementary School

Dear Mr. Schaaf:

**Congratulations** on being one of four nominees for the Howard County Maryland Teacher of the Year Award for the 2006-2007 school year. Although you were not selected, I want you to know that the nomination committee had a very difficult time selecting only one recipient. All of the nomination packets were outstanding, including yours. Each was filled with fine examples of effective instruction and strong communication skills as well as a commitment to parents, students, staff, and the community. Enclosed is your original nomination packet that was submitted on your behalf. I thought you might like it as a keepsake.

Please know that being selected to represent your school for this prestigious award is a reason for pride and celebration. Be sure to mark your calendar for the "In Honor of Excellence" reception to be held in the Jim Rouse Theater at Wilde Lake High School on Tuesday, May 15 2007. At that time, the superintendent will honor you with a special recognition. Please make every effort to attend.

Again, congratulations on your nomination and best wishes for continued success as an integral part of our learning community.

Sincerely,

Roger L. Plunkett  
Business, Community, Government Relations Officer

C: S. Cousin  
Principal  
PTA President  
Nominator