

# TIES

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Dear Mr. Odermatt:

Congratulations! I am delighted to inform you that you have been selected by your superintendent as a TIES Exceptional Teacher. TIES established this award program to recognize teachers in member districts who integrate technology in their classroom and engage students in learning.

As a TIES Exceptional Teacher, you will be:

- Featured in the *TIES Exceptional Teacher* publication
- Honored at the closing session of the TIES 2004 Education Technology Conference on December 7
- Photographed with Liz Murray, closing session keynote speaker and subject of Lifetime's *Homeless to Harvard* movie
- Awarded a certificate
- Featured in a news release issued to media and your district's school board

I hope you will plan to attend the closing session of TIES 2004 at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 7. The front row of seats will be reserved for Exceptional Teachers. If you will not be attending the conference on Tuesday, you may come free of charge to the closing session at 2:30 p.m. To attend any of the other conference sessions, you will need to register and pay the appropriate conference fee. Learn more about and register for the TIES 2004 conference at [www.ties.k12.mn.us](http://www.ties.k12.mn.us).

Finally, I need a couple of things from you. Please:

- Send me a photograph of yourself to include in the *TIES Exceptional Teacher* publication (e-mail a digital photo to [taylor@ties.k12.mn.us](mailto:taylor@ties.k12.mn.us) or mail a photo that can be scanned).
- E-mail me your home phone number.
- Let me know by November 22 if you will be attending the closing session.

Again, congratulations on your selection as an Exceptional Teacher!



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