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## **Anchorage Teacher Paul Campbell Receives a National Educator Award for Alaska**

JUNEAU – Paul Campbell has received the 2016 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award for Alaska.

Campbell teaches first and second grade at Chester Valley Elementary in the Anchorage School District. He was notified of the \$25,000 award in a surprise ceremony November 22 attended by Alaska Education Commissioner Dr. Michael Johnson, Anchorage Superintendent Dr. Deena Paramo, Milken Educator Awards Senior Vice President Dr. Jane Foley, Principal Adrienne Grenier, and the staff and students of Chester Valley Elementary.

“Congratulations to Paul Campbell, recipient of Alaska’s 2016 Milken Educator Award,” said Commissioner Johnson, who received the Milken Educator Award in 2008. “Being recognized by the prestigious Milken Family Foundation was one of the greatest honors of my career. Having the opportunity to participate in this Milken Award notification is an even greater honor. Great teachers like Paul Campbell are, and always will be, the foundation of providing an excellent education for every student every day.”

Blue ribbon committees in participating states review candidates for the Milken Family Foundation. Milken recipients are chosen for their educational talent, educational accomplishments beyond the classroom, potential for professional and policy leadership, and an engaging and inspiring presence.

“Paul Campbell creates a nurturing, engaging environment where students are enthusiastic to learn,” said Dr. Foley. “Paul instills crucial skills of reflection, critical thinking and social-emotional awareness in his students, paving the way for them to succeed academically and in life. I am excited to watch him advance as a force in the teaching profession.”

In awarding Mr. Campbell, the Milken Family Foundation cited:

Mr. Campbell's dynamic delivery inspires students to challenge themselves in class and with extracurricular events like the Battle of the Books. He helps students overcome their academic insecurities by pointing out that real mathematicians and scientists ask questions, seek input from others, and learn from their mistakes through problem-solving.

Mr. Campbell serves on Chester Valley Elementary's leadership team and helped draft the school's Title I (anti-poverty funding) improvement plans. He participated in social-emotional learning (SEL) training, then applied it in his classroom and as a member of Chester Valley's SEL Leadership Cadre. Mr. Campbell co-taught Picturing Anchorage, a social studies class offered to all second-grade teachers in the district.

Mr. Campbell is from a family of educators and is a graduate of West Anchorage High School. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education from Eastern Washington University.

The Milken Family Foundation can be reached at [www.mff.org](http://www.mff.org). Chester Valley Elementary can be reached at 907-742-0335.

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