

## **IRENE MACKOWSKI EDUCATIONAL LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD**



### **HISTORY:**

The Irene Mackowski Educational Leader Of The Year Award was established in 2000 by the Ontario Council for Exceptional Children to honour an outstanding educational leader.

**“Successful is the individual who has lived well, laughed often and loved much, who has gained the respect of children, who leaves the world better than they found it, who has never lacked appreciation for the earth’s beauty, who never fails to look for the best in others or give the best of themselves.”**  
**Ralph Waldo Emerson**

### **CRITERIA:**

All of the criteria set out for the Educational Leader of the Year Award must be met and the candidate must have been a recipient of the Educational Leader of the Year Award in their Region in order to be considered for this award. The recipient will be selected by the Provincial CEC Awards Committee, from among the Educational Leader of the Year recipients for the current year.

In addition, the recipient should have demonstrated exemplary performance over a period of time as a leader, exhibiting such qualities as:

- A passion for education
- Courage to stand out in a crowd
- A willingness to advocate on behalf of special needs students
- A healthy sense of humour
- A sense of caring and commitment
- A volunteer in the community at large

**The recipient must embody the “walk the talk” attitude.**

**TOKEN:** An engraved plaque

**PRESENTED:** At the Annual Provincial Conference

### **GUIDELINES:**

The presentation of this award is contingent upon there being a suitable candidate and therefore may not be awarded annually.