

AEFI's Amesbury Public Schools  
**Dr. Stephen Gerber "Stroke of Genius Award"**  
**2018 Nomination Form**

I. INSTRUCTIONS

The Award's PURPOSE: to honor an individual or group, student or staff, in the school who demonstrates "**grass roots educational leadership**" by creating an event, or program, that helps the school achieve its strategic goals, or improves the school's culture. Individuals or a group of students and staff who exemplify educational leadership:

- have high expectations and a vision of what the school can be and have implemented a plan to achieve that vision
- offer and implement a plan that makes a difference to staff and students, and may reach the larger community
- get others involved in meaningful ways
- serve as a role model for others
- seek leadership for the greater good of the school community, not personal recognition
- improve school culture in a sustainable way

AEFI created this award in 2015 **to encourage and to celebrate grass roots leadership in each APS school by staff and students.** The symbol of the "stroke of genius" is the quill weathervane that originally marked the Mill District School in 1837, later becoming the Town hall Annex. The original weathervane will now be displayed permanently in the AHS Lobby by AEFI Hall of Honor. The award is named for Dr. Stephen Gerber, former AMS principal and Superintendent who created a culture that encouraged grass roots leadership in our schools.

**Nominations are due by Monday, June 18, 2018 at 4:00 pm. They will be handed in a sealed envelope to the building principal, or to Carol Bartlett in Central Office. Nominations will be collected by AEFI committee members. Please include the next page "Nomination Form" which will identify the Applicant and Nominees.**

**One final selection will be made by the AEFI committee during the summer. The Gerber Award will be announced at the Opening Day district staff meeting. An assembly for students in the winning school will be scheduled in early fall to celebrate the award. The winning school will display the weathervane replica trophy for the year as a symbol of its "stroke of genius."**

## II. Nomination Form

Name of Nominated individual / group: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominated school: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature[s]: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a description of no more than 1 page [250 words, typed] to this form, explaining the following:

- 1. Describe the event or program that is a “stroke of genius” and has been established through grass-roots leadership as described above**
- 2. Describe the purpose of your nomination: describe the impact on student learning, school culture or community**
- 3. Show how that impact is sustainable, or could be enhanced by this award**
- 4. Connect the event or program to the school’s mission, goals, or Achievement Plan**
- 5. *Optional Attachments:* Nominations may include [3] attached photos, testimonials or articles of support**