

Colleen Sinnott  
Golden Apple Recipient  
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Colleen Sinnott has served the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District as a special education resource and intensive needs instructor since 1985. Her tenure at Tustumena Elementary School began in 1992, where she established an intensive needs program which is often used as a model program for other schools.

Tustumena Elementary principal, Ken Halverson, believes that Mrs. Sinnott's devotion to her students is unmatched by anyone he has ever been associated with during his career in education. He adds, "This is evidenced by the unsolicited, supportive testimonies he receives from parents, past and present, of the students in her programs."

According to Jamie Harper, Pupil Services Director, "Colleen has the combination of knowledge, training, caring, and compassion that make an outstanding special education teacher. She believes in helping all children reach their highest potential. Colleen has touched the lives of many children and families in the years she has been in education. Her efforts are truly appreciated."

Colleen is a tireless educator; she is passionate about teaching and is committed to her student's social and emotional growth. It is not uncommon for Mrs. Sinnott to work with families to ensure that students receive tutorial assistance throughout the summer. Mrs. Sinnott also participates in professional development opportunities; she has received extensive training in recognizing, diagnosing, and working with the many forms of Autism.

On behalf of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, we the Board of Education are pleased to recognize Colleen Sinnott for her outstanding service to education and the students of the District.