

Name of Nominee: **Ms. Melinda Self**
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Name of Nominator: Dr. Andrea

District: Corning Union High School District

School: Superintendent of CUHSD

Superintendent Category

Ms. Melinda Self has been nominated for the “PORTRAITS OF SUCCESS” AWARD NOMINATION because she possesses a relentless dedication to the success of all students in the Corning Union High School District. It has been my pleasure, as Corning High Union High School District’s Director of Alternative Education/Principal, to begin working with Ms. Self three years ago. At that time she was the Assistant Superintendent of CUHSD. Last year, she became the Superintendent of CUHSD.

Ms. Self’s dedication and commitment to all students is evidenced in all of her actions. She began her career at CUHSD as a teacher and eventually became the Superintendent of Corning Union High School District. She models the visionary leadership needed to make CUHSD a place where students and employees experience growth in a safe environment. More specifically, she listens to all the stakeholders and makes responsible decisions based on what is best for the students, district, and community.

In terms of being nominated for the “PORTRAITS OF SUCCESS” AWARD NOMINATION, Ms. Self has provided the resources and wisdom necessary to make Corning Center for Alternative Learning (C-CAL) a viable option for students who participate in this community day school program. This is important, because without providing the resources, a program will not be a viable option. In the past two years, all of the Alternative Education sites have benefited from Ms. Self’s dedication and commitment to the success of all students. C-CAL has experienced facility improvements and added new curriculum that is aligned to the standards. In addition, resources have been provided to allow C-CAL staff to participate in professional development, as well as attend the Community Day School Network State Conference. Professional Development translates into student success in our district.

Many students from C-CAL have successfully transitioned to the main campus and/or the continuation site. This happens because the district has a clear and compelling vision of what it means to be successful as a student, staff member, and administrator. Ms. Self has been nominated for this award because of her ability to develop, support, and articulate this vision district-wide.

Thank you Ms. Self for your support of Alternative Educational Options for students!

