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Local Teacher Receives Award for Making School Cool

Lethbridge – Chris Gonsalvez, a teacher at Wilson Middle School, will be presented with a 2006 Teacher Award sponsored by The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA). At a surprise presentation during the school's awards day, Gonsalvez will receive a cash prize of \$1,000 to be used to promote math and science education in the school.

Location: Wilson Middle School
2003 – 9 Avenue North
Lethbridge, AB
Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2006
Time: 10:30 a.m.

"Mr. Gonsalvez has a unique and inspiring ability to make numbers come to life," writes one colleague on the nomination form. "He is a passionate math educator who has a heart for learning and a heart for the learner." Another colleague writes, "He has a wonderful sense of humour, a high-octane energy level, and infectious enthusiasm."

"Mr. Gonsalvez is an excellent role model," writes a parent. "I enjoy math more than I ever have. Mr. Gonsalvez is an awesome teacher," a student writes.

The APEGGA Teacher Awards program celebrates math and science teachers in elementary, junior and senior high schools for the excellence they demonstrate in shaping the intellectual and creative development of students and for their outstanding efforts to *Make School Cool*.

"Each year APEGGA recognizes 14 Alberta teachers who have a profound and lasting impact on students," says Jeanne Keaschuk, APEGGA senior outreach coordinator. "This award program rewards exceptional teachers and helps them to further enhance the classroom experience."

Established in 1920, APEGGA is responsible for regulating the practices of engineering, geology and geophysics in the province of Alberta. The association's 44,000 members play a significant role in every segment of the economy, and their technical and management expertise ensure Alberta remains at the forefront of technological innovation.

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Note: APEGGA requests that you not contact the recipient for comment until after the presentation. For additional information on the Teacher Awards, please visit our website at <http://www.apegga.org/Members/ScholarshipsAwards/taward.html>

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