

## ***The Rhonda L. Cotten: BE THE CHANGE AWARD***

*“You must be the change you want to see in the world.” Mahatma Gandhi*

**DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2020**

**The Rhonda L. Cotten: *Be the Change Award*** is intended to honor an individual, involved in Student Services in Public Education K-12, who creatively finds solutions, regardless of the amount of work involved. It is presented to someone who is less concerned with being politically correct and more concerned with doing the right thing for children and families. This award is designed to be a tribute to someone who is willing to ask questions, even if they are unpopular questions, but is also able to see the humor in difficult situations. **The Rhonda L. Cotten: *Be the Change Award*** is created to recognize a person ingrained in family and community who believes that the quality of living can and should be improved for everyone.

**The Rhonda L. Cotten: *Be the Change Award*** is designed in memory of Rhonda L. Cotten, Baldwin County School System, who served the students in Baldwin County as well as the entire state of Alabama through her devotion, commitment, perseverance, and creativity as attendance in schools and students graduating on time increased, the number of student dropouts were reduced and families were supported with identified services. Ms. Cotten was an ambassador for Alabama at state, regional and national conferences sharing our story. The winner will be selected by a committee of education professionals.

**Please email completed form by February 15, 2020 to:** Kevin Hathcock at [kevin.hathcock@sccboe.org](mailto:kevin.hathcock@sccboe.org)

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet of paper to answer the following statement.

The nominee named above is worthy of the **Rhonda L. Cotton: *Be the Change Award*** because s/he has impacted the lives of others, the community, or families as evidenced by: