

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

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

**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 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 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*** recognizes 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 was 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 completed form must be emailed by midnight, January 15, 2027.**

**Email: [aapassplu@gmail.com](mailto:aapassplu@gmail.com)**

Nominee

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

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

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

Nominator

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

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

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

**Answer the following statement on a separate sheet of paper.**

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