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Kindergarten, middle school educators named city schools' top teachers

Christy Fung, a kindergarten teacher at Freeport Elementary School, and Margaret (Peggy) Green, a language arts and world history teacher at Sam Brannan Middle School, have been selected as the city schools' Teachers of the Year, district officials announced this week.

The two will be honored at the Board of Education meeting on Thursday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Serna Center, 5735 47th Ave.

Fung and Green were selected from 73 original nominees. In order to qualify for the award, nominees must have a minimum of seven years of teaching experience and be highly qualified according to the federal law.

Both are graduates of Sacramento State. Green has a bachelor's degree in child development and a master's in curriculum and instruction. She has taught for 11 years. Fung has a bachelor's in liberal studies and has been a teacher for 10 years. These two stood out because of their ability to differentiate or tailor instruction for students with a wide range of abilities.

"Our focus is looking at the needs of every child by name and these two teachers exemplify that focus in their everyday work," Interim Superintendent Susan Miller said. "Meeting the differentiated needs of students is a goal we take seriously as we meet the needs of socially and linguistically diverse classrooms. I commend and congratulate these teachers for their very good work and for following their passions."

The two are now eligible to compete in the Sacramento County Teachers of the Year program. Winners of that award will be announced in September.