



_____ (date)

Dear teacher,

Your student, _____, is representing the _____ region of Colorado as a student judge in the [Reimagined Colorado Blue Spruce Young Adult Book Award](#).

The award was created in 1985 by a group of Colorado teachers and librarians who believed that more emphasis needed to be placed on teen reading. Presently, it is being reimagined by Partners in Literacy, a Denver, grassroots nonprofit dedicated to creating communities of readers of schools.

Since this September, under the guidance of a local mentor, he/she/they has been engaged with a small group of students choosing, analyzing and comparing recently published young adult books. Most of the work is done at the local level, but twice a year, the student needs to meet remotely with all the student judges representing the four regions of Colorado. Student judges will announce the award at the [Colorado Teen Lit Conference](#) in April.

Teachers and librarians all over the state depend on the award to promote teen reading. Only teens have the power to reinvigorate this important award.

Your student is to discuss his/her/their absence and complete all assignments before the two statewide meetings. If you have any questions, email Partners in literacy at pil2011@partnersinliteracy.org.

Your student's CBSA mentor is _____.

The date and the time of the upcoming meeting is _____.

Sincerely,

Julie Neitz Wielga- director

