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## ***Story Release***

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#### **Dr. Linda Wood named 2022-2023 Teacher of the Year**

LaGrange, Ga., September 21, 2021 – The Troup County School System is pleased to announce Dr. Linda Wood as the 2022-2023 system Teacher of the Year. Dr. Wood is an 11<sup>th</sup> grade American Literature teacher at Troup County High School.

Brian Shumate, Superintendent of TCSS, made the announcement during the TOTY reception at Del'avant Event Center on Wednesday, March 16.

“I have spent 30 years of my life in the Troup County School System and it has been a very rewarding 30 years that I have spent being able to work with students,” said Wood.

Katie King, a fifth grade English Language Arts teacher at Hogansville Elementary and Tishana Hines, a middle school English Language Arts teacher at The Hope Academy were also finalists in the competition this year.

The four anonymous out-of-system judges stated the competition was close amongst the three finalists but Wood came out as the top choice. Feedback from judges include, “I liked how Ms. Wood incorporated real-life experiences to help engage the students and encourage them to write.”

In addition to being named the TCSS Teacher of the Year, ***if she chooses***, Wood will represent the Troup County School System in the 2023-2024 State Teacher of the Year competition sponsored by the Georgia Department of Education.

#### **About Troup County School System**

Troup County School System is an accredited educational system with over 12,100 students in grades K-12. TCSS does offer a free Pre-K program at each elementary school. The system is comprised of eleven elementary schools, three middle schools, three high schools, one college and career academy, and one alternative learning center. Students within the school system are taught a rigorous and relevant curriculum that helps them make college and career choices beyond graduation and succeed in life. The system 2021 graduation rate is 85.9 percent. To learn more about Troup County School System, visit troupp.org and the Troup County School System Facebook page.

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Photo Caption: Dr. Wood with husband, daughter and TCHS students

Photo Caption: Dr. Wood with Dr. Shumate, Deana Brown, Principal Niki Watts and staff

Photo Caption: Dr. Wood with Dr. Shumate and Deana Brown