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Troup County School System Announces Teacher of the Year Finalists

LaGrange, Ga., February 4, 2022 –Troup County School (TCSS) Superintendent, Dr. Brian Shumate, surprised three teachers with flowers and candy during the Teacher of the Year Surprise Patrol. As Shumate, principals, family, co-workers and friends entered their classrooms, the Teacher of the Year (TOTY) finalists learned they made it to the next local round of competition.

The three division finalists are:

- Katie King: 5th grade ELA at Hogansville Elementary
- Tishana Hines: 6th grade ELA at Hope Academy
- Linda Wood: 11th grade American Literature at Troup High School

“We are extremely proud of all our TOTY candidates and especially the three finalists who were recognized today. They are outstanding teachers and a credit to the profession. It was fun to get to surprise them along with their family members and co-workers,” said Shumate. “Obviously, they were surprised, excited and overjoyed. This is one of the best parts of my job when we get to recognize our outstanding TCSS employees! I wish all of the finalists good luck.”

One of these three finalists will soon be named the Troup County School System Teacher of the Year and will advance to represent the district in the state competition. They have to complete an essay, a videotaped interview, and a classroom observation that will be judged by three current or retired educators outside of Troup County. School officials will announce the district winner, and honor all school level Teacher of the Year winners, at a special reception on Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

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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