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TCSS Announces Teacher of the Year Nominees for Each School

LaGrange, GA., October 14, 2021 – Today, 25 teachers in Troup County School System (TCSS) received the good news that they were named the 2022-2023 Teacher of the Year for their school. These teachers will now move on to the next portion of the nomination process by completing essays for submission.

Each year, this program recognizes teachers who display excellence and high standards for the teaching profession. Each elementary school, HOPE Academy and THINC College & Career Academy designate one teacher for the honor while all middle and high schools designate two teachers each.

All nominees complete applications describing their professional preparation and experience, as well as answer questions pertaining to their philosophy of teaching and practical applications. Roughly ten professionals from the school system, community, and Partners in Education will be tapped to participate in a blind evaluation of their written applications.

From the nominees, three system finalists will be named – one representing elementary, middle and high school levels. The top three candidates are then judged by education professionals who do not reside in Troup County. They will observe classroom instruction, conduct interviews and review the finalist's written applications.

Finally, one of the top three finalists will be named Troup County School System (TCSS) Teacher of the Year in March during an afternoon reception where family, colleagues and friends can enjoy the moment with them. TCSS' current Teacher of the Year, Hannah Frady from Troup High School, is currently vying for the state level honor which will be announced in May.

The nominees from each school are:

Berta Weathersbee Elementary School	April Todd
Callaway Elementary School	Ginger Bishop
Clearview Elementary School	Rebecca Stewart
Ethel W. Kight Elementary School	Samuel Sykes
Franklin Forest Elementary School	Sabrina Barintine
Hillcrest Elementary School	Alicia Bilbo
Hogansville Elementary School	Katie King
Hollis Hand Elementary School	Cindy Lanier
Long Cane Elementary School	Amy Goodson
Rosemont Elementary School	Caley Yeary

West Point Elementary School	Chloe Bridges
Callaway Middle School	Samantha Cotton
Callaway Middle School	Christine Wicklund
Gardner Newman Middle School	Monica Cameron
Gardner Newman Middle School	Marcus Blandingburg
Long Cane Middle School	Katina Ross
Long Cane Middle School	Jeremy Cross
Callaway High School	Shelby Holcomb
Callaway High School	Justin Williams
LaGrange High School	Rebecca Davis
LaGrange High School	Jessica O'Neal
The HOPE Academy	Tishana Hines
THINC College & Career Academy	Jayne Pauley
Troup High School	Judy Robinson
Troup High School	Linda Wood

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 2020 graduation rate is 85.9 percent. To learn more about Troup County School System, visit troup.org and the Troup County School System Facebook page.

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