Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
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Title

Recognition of Oak Grove Elementary School STEAM Academy School Nurse Nadia Jones -- Recipient of the Georgia RISE (Recognizing Inspirational School Employees) Award

Requested Action

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Summary Explanation and Background

A Cherokee County School District school nurse has been honored by the Governor with the prestigious Georgia RISE (Recognizing Inspirational School Employees) Award!

Oak Grove Elementary School STEAM Academy School Nurse Nadia Jones is one of only two Georgians selected by Governor Brian P. Kemp for the award, which honors school support staff.

All schools and districts were invited to submit a nominee for the Georgia RISE Award. Nomination forms were reviewed by a panel of judges composed of representatives from the Georgia Department of Education and numerous advocacy groups. The highest-scoring applications were presented to Governor Kemp, who made the final selection of two nominees.

As a 2020-21 winner of the Georgia RISE Award, she has also been submitted as one of Georgia's two nominees for the national RISE Award. In spring 2021, the U.S. Department of Education began awarding the RISE Award each year, to one full- or part-time school support staff employee who provides exemplary service to students in pre-kindergarten through high school. The governor of each state is invited to nominate up to two nominees annually.

In July 2021, Ms. Jones, who is in her fifth year as a CCSD school nurse, was named the winner of the inaugural Cherokee County School District School Nurse of the Year award, sponsored by Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. She also was named her school's 2019-20 Support Staff Employee of the Year award winner as part of the annual CCSD recognition program.

Priority Area

Organizational & Operational Effectiveness; Quality Workforce

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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