Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
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Title

Recognition of Cherokee County School District 2023 Counselor of the Year and Innovation Zone Counselors of the Year

Requested Action

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Summary Explanation and Background

In recognition of a very talented and dedicated group of employees, the Cherokee County School District initiated a Counselor of the Year program beginning in the 2010-11 School Year. The award process begins with each innovation zone selecting a counselor of the year. Applications from these honorees then are considered by a panel of retired educators and community leaders, who select the CCSD Counselor of the Year.

The 2023 CCSD Counselor of the Year is Kristie Sikes from Creekview High School. Ms. Sikes joined the staff at Creekview HS 14 years ago as its graduation coach after teaching at E.T. Booth MS for nine years and serving as a graduation coach at Creekland MS. She earned her bachelor's degree in secondary English education and master's in adolescent education, both from Kennesaw State University; specialist degree in curriculum and instruction from Piedmont University; and a second master's degree in school counseling from the University of West Alabama. Ms. Sikes now advances to the statewide Counselor of the Year competition.

In addition to Ms. Sikes for the Creekview Innovation Zone, the other zone winners are: Cherokee: Melissa Prater of Knox ES STEM Academy; Etowah: Lindsey Pinckard of Boston ES; River Ridge: Madonna Mezzanotte of Little River ES; Sequoyah: Sandra Hude of Hickory Flat ES; and Woodstock: Marcee Smith of Woodstock HS.

Priority Area

Positive Culture and Climate; Quality Workforce

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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