Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
May 18, 2023	A-5

Title

Recognition of Dean Rusk Middle School Teacher Sara Lawson -- Exemplary English for Speakers of Other Languages Teacher of the Year and Etowah High School Senior Scarleth Cantarero Murillo -- Exemplary English Learner Student of the Year

Requested Action

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Summary Explanation and Background

The Cherokee County School District is celebrating its Exemplary English for Speakers of Other Languages Teacher of the Year and Exemplary English Learner Student of the Year!

The 2023 honorees are teacher Sara Lawson of Dean Rusk MS and Etowah HS senior Scarleth Cantarero Murillo. The Georgia Department of Education annually recognizes one outstanding ESOL teacher and English Learner student from each school district who meet high standards for teaching and learning.

Scarleth, who is from Honduras, not only succeeded in mastering English skills through the ESOL program, she advanced to take all honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses. An outstanding artist, her artwork was selected for the competitive Atlanta High School Arts Exhibition and she was named a Governor's Honors Program semifinalist for art.

Ms. Lawson, in addition to serving as the “backbone” of her school's ESOL program, co-sponsors the school's Cultures Club and is known for her outstanding support of students and colleagues.

Priority Area

Student Achievement: Access and Opportunity; Positive Culture and Climate; Quality Workforce

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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