Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

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Title

Recognition of 40 CCSD Teachers, Staff and Leaders -- Named 2023-24 Microsoft Innovative Educator Experts

Requested Action

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Summary Explanation and Background

Microsoft Education has recognized 40 Cherokee County School District teachers, staff and school and school district leaders as among the world's top instructional technology experts!

One of those Microsoft Innovative Educator Experts honorees, CCSD Instructional Technology Specialist Merry Hofmeister, additionally has earned the prestigious Microsoft Innovative Educator Fellow honor for the fifth consecutive year.

The technology company selects top educators, support staff and school and school district leaders worldwide to earn this elite title awarded annually, which ranks honorees among the best globally at understanding how technology improves learning. CCSD leads the way with the most Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE) Experts of any Georgia school district, claiming 40 of the 107 Experts named statewide. Experts receive access to new instructional resources and can participate in an exclusive online group for sharing best practices.

In addition to being named an Expert, Ms. Hofmeister is one of only 27 educators in the U.S. and three in Georgia to be named an MIE Fellow. This recognition honors demonstrated leadership and excellence by Experts through coaching, mentoring, leading professional development and presenting at conferences. Fellows, considered by their peers as the best among all Experts at technology integration, are called upon to share their knowledge with other educators.

Priority Area

Organizational and Operational Effectiveness; Quality Workforce

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

List of Honorees

Source of Additional Information

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