Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
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Title

Recognition of Cherokee County School District 2024 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 2024 CCSD Counselor of the Year is Whitney Morberg from Etowah High School. An 18-year school counselor and three-time Innovation Zone Counselor of the Year award winner, Ms. Morberg has served at Etowah for the past decade. She is known for her expertise in guiding students to college acceptance and scholarship wins, but she's just as equally known for her efforts to provide students access to career success and her ability to support students experiencing emotional or mental health crises. Ms. Morberg earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia and both her masters and specialist degrees in school counseling from Georgia State University. She joined CCSD as a school counselor at Hasty Elementary School and later worked at Canton Elementary before moving to Etowah. Ms. Morberg now advances to the statewide Counselor of the Year competition.

In addition to Ms. Morberg for the Etowah Innovation Zone, the other zone winners are: Cherokee: Jon Costales of R. M. Moore ES STEM Academy; Creekview: Dr. Kathleen Harris of Creekland MS; River Ridge: Dawn Garner of Arnold Mill ES; Sequoyah: Chris Guy of Holly Springs ES STEM Academy; and Woodstock: Unique Aquino of Woodstock MS.

Priority Area

Positive Culture and Climate; Quality Workforce

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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