Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
May 16, 2024	A-4

Title

Recognition of Exemplary English for Speakers of Other Languages Teacher of the Year and Exemplary English Learner Student of the Year

Requested Action

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Summary Explanation and Background

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. The 2024 CCSD honorees are teacher Coury Frush of E.T. Booth Middle School and Woodstock High School senior Giovanna “Gio” Ferreira Fuin.

Gio, who is from Brazil, not only succeeded in mastering English skills through the ESOL program, she also competed on the track and field team, earned a work study program internship at Northside Hospital Cherokee and participated in dual enrollment classes at Chattahoochee Technical College. In addition to her native Portuguese and her second language of English, she is challenging herself to also learn Spanish.

Mr. Frush, who has taught ESOL students for two years, is being honored for his excellence in instruction and his schoolwide advocacy for multilingual learners. This includes his initiative to lead professional development sessions for non-ESOL teachers to help them better understand the learning challenges these students overcome.

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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