Agenda Request Form

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August 15, 2024	Recognition Item 7

Title

CCSD School Nurse of the Year and Innovation Zone Winners

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of CCSD School Nurse of the Year and Innovation Zone Winners

Summary Explanation and Background

The Cherokee County School District celebrated school nurses with the presentation of the fourth annual CCSD School Nurse of the Year Awards!

The awards program was developed with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, a CCSD Partner. As part of National School Nurse Appreciation Day and National Nurses Week in May, a top school nurse from each CCSD Innovation Zone (a high school and its feeder schools) is announced. The Zone winners advance to the CCSD School Nurse of the Year Award judging, with the winner selected by a panel of nursing professionals and retired educators.

Superintendent of Schools Mary Elizabeth Davis presented the 2024 CCSD School Nurse of the Year award to Dawn Beasley of Tippens Education Center, which is part of the Cherokee Innovation Zone. An LPN with 24 years of experience, Ms. Beasley joined CCSD in 2009 as a substitute nurse and began in her current role as the school nurse for Tippens in 2010. Prior to joining CCSD, Ms. Beasley worked as a nurse in pediatric practices and centers with a focus on supporting medically fragile children. She earned her nursing certification from Point Loma Nazarene University and has additionally earned CPR instructor and Stop the Bleed instructor certification.

The School Nurse of the Year Innovation Zone winners are: Creekview Zone: Andrea Hamm, Creekview HS; Etowah Zone: Joy Harrison, Clark Creek ES STEM Academy; River Ridge Zone: Chelsie Stehlik, Little River ES; Sequoyah Zone: Maria Hicks, Indian Knoll ES; and Woodstock Zone: Ashlee Odom, Woodstock MS.

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

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Source of Additional Information

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