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November 21, 2024	Recognition Item 3

Title

Microsoft Innovative Educator Experts

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of CCSD Educators and Leaders as Microsoft Innovative Educator Experts

Summary Explanation and Background

Microsoft Education has recognized 43 Cherokee County School District teachers and leaders as among the world's best instructional technology educators!

The technology company each year awards select educators with the elite title of Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert (MIEE), which honors excellence in understanding how technology improves learning and using that knowledge to improve classroom instruction and student performance.

CCSD leads the way with the most MIEEs of any Georgia school district, claiming 43 of the 128 honorees named statewide and 781 named nationwide. Experts receive access to new instructional resources and an international network for sharing best practices.

One of those honorees, CCSD Instructional Technology Specialist Merry Hofmeister, additionally has earned the prestigious Microsoft Innovative Educator Fellow honor for the sixth consecutive year. She is one of only 26 educators in the U.S. and two 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.

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

List of Honorees

Source of Additional Information

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Congratulations to CCSD's 2024-25 MIE Experts:

Heather Dalton, Avery ES

Caitlin Lyons, Avery ES

Jennifer Mendenhall , Bascomb ES

Heidi Sansone, Carmel ES

Jamie Vogan, Cherokee HS

Joseph Snell, Clayton ES/Free Home ES

Kayla Lorch, Creekland MS

Morgan Hudson, Creekview HS

Kim Bennett, CCSD instructional technology specialist

Frank Graham, CCSD instructional technology specialist

Merry Hofmeister, CCSD instructional technology specialist

Jeff Pence, CCSD instructional technology specialist

Lori Stuart, CCSD instructional technology specialist

Dr. Shannon Carroll, CCSD instructional technology supervisor

Lee Coker, Etowah HS

Jordan Robinson, Etowah HS

Karina Dean, Hickory Flat ES

Marissa Williams, Hickory Flat ES

Lauren Abrams, Indian Knoll ES

Kristen Brooks, Indian Knoll ES

Alyson Counts, Indian Knoll ES

Dr. Chelsea Leming, Indian Knoll ES

Jennifer Lewis, Indian Knoll ES

Rebecca Moore, Indian Knoll ES

Peggy Rein, Indian Knoll ES

Afton Roberts, Indian Knoll ES

Jennifer Schroter, Indian Knoll ES

Heather Towery, Indian Knoll ES

Kim Cerasoli, Principal, Indian Knoll ES

Samantha Westerlind, Little River ES

Susanne Whitney, Little River ES

Joseph Wheeler, Mill Creek MS

Danelle Anderson, Mountain Road ES

Kristin Covington, Oak Grove ES STEAM Academy

Tammy Owen, Oak Grove ES STEAM Academy

Andrea Pagano, Oak Grove ES STEAM Academy

Lee Patti, Assistant Principal, Oak Grove ES STEAM Academy

Amanda Fuder, Sequoyah HS

Lauren Vanner, Sixes ES

Jordan Hofmeister, Tippens EC

April Popham, Tippens EC

Samantha Karel, Woodstock ES

LaCinda Adamson, Woodstock MS