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1,884 Years of Service Honored at Iredell-Statesville Retirement Celebration



On Tuesday, April 29, 2025, the Iredell-Statesville Board of Education, Superintendent Dr. Jeff James, administrators, and principals celebrated the work of 78 retirees during the 2024-2025 I-SS Retirement Celebration held at the South Iredell High School Performing Arts Center in Statesville. The retirees and a guest were welcomed into the event by the Human Resources Department and district staff members. The South Iredell High School Orchestra performed an array of songs that filled the auditorium.



Employees from around the district enjoyed seeing coworkers and socializing with one another. The event began with a welcome from Jill Parker, Executive Director of Human Resources and greetings from Lizzie Barber from the Iredell-Statesville Retiree's Association.

Dr. Jeff James then offered some words of gratitude for each of these retirees. "Education is the most important thing we can give our children," stated Dr. James. "I want to thank you for all you have done to make Iredell County a great place to work, live, and raise a family."

The event continued by each retiree and a guest enjoying a meal and watching a video of celebratory messages from around the district. As the name of each retiree was called, the audience cheered and applauded for them as they walked across the stage, received a small gift, and shook hands with Dr. James and three members of the Iredell-Statesville Board of Education.

These retirees accumulated a total of 1,884

years of experience—an absence that will truly be felt in the district. Congratulations to all our retirees. Thank you is simply not enough for your contributions!

Congratulations to the following 2024-2025 I-SS Retirees:

Celeste Henkel Elementary: Carmen Boggs, Laura Holbrook, Jill Inscore, Debbie Pitsenbarger, and Bonnie Wilson

Central Elementary: Vicki Reid

Cloverleaf Elementary: Alison Whitaker

Coddle Creek Elementary: Marie Palma

Cool Spring Elementary: Tracy Dagenhart, Linda Dearman, Rhonda Gehring, Carla Patterson

Crossroads Early College: Jane Riley

East Iredell Elementary: Colleen Marlow

East Iredell Middle: Stephen Meyer and Becky Wike

Harmony Elementary: Kathleen Bunton, JoAnne McCurdy, Leigh Scott, and Frances Smith

Lake Norman Elementary: Sherry Morris

Lake Norman High: Sean Gustin

Lakeshore Middle: Edith Darling, Brian Foster, Towanda Jackson, and Barbara Pope

North Iredell High: Scott Childers, Roberta Thompson, and Mickey Vestal

North Iredell Middle: Gayle Crater

Oakwood Middle: Stacy Wozny

Scotts Elementary: Misty Basham and Tammy Smith



Sharon Elementary: Jodi Gallyon and Jamie Wike

Shepherd Elementary: Lavonda Auld, Kristi Brown, Carla Stutts, and Melissa Stutts

Statesville High: Richard White and Sherry White

The Brawley School: Leigh Anne Cridler and Sally Webb

Troutman Elementary: Herman Roberts and Virginia Yoder

Troutman Middle: Jeffrey Brinager and Stephanie Justice

Union Grove Elementary: June Ireland-Mitchell and Linda Prevette

Union Grove and Harmony: Mitzi Mitchell

West Iredell High: Kellene Bock, Rodney Boyd, Joseph Fredo, Tammy James, and Linda Marshall

West Iredell Middle: Michael Burgess and Jennifer Hodges

Woodland Heights Elementary: Monica Burke and Chris Robinson

Woodland Heights Middle: Beth Garver and Dana Overcash

Central Support Services: Jill Brooks, Thomas Cook, Kevin Fuller, Michael French, Lisa Fluke, Karen Kerley, Barbara Murdock, Shirley Neal, Chad Nicholson, Eileen Redmond, Mary Scott, Teresa Sigmon, Roy Swicegood, and Tina Wilson



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