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The Fannin County School System proudly congratulates Mrs. Sarah Rice on being named the Fannin County Philip Wright Award recipient at the 25th Annual Award Banquet held on March 18, 2026, in Cleveland, Georgia.

Mrs. Rice was nominated by her coworkers and selected for this distinguished honor in recognition of her outstanding service as a Speech-Language Pathologist and her unwavering dedication to supporting and advocating for students, staff, and families in the area of special education.

In addition to the direct services she provides, Mrs. Rice serves as the district's transition coordinator for Babies Can't Wait and early childhood Child Find referrals, as well as the district's communication diagnostician for initial and reevaluation eligibility evaluations. She carries out each of these important responsibilities while also maintaining a caseload and delivering speech therapy services to students across our system.

What makes Mrs. Rice especially deserving of this recognition is the heart she brings to her work each day. She is a strong advocate for students, a trusted support for families, and a valued resource for staff. Her belief that every individual deserves the opportunity to communicate and be heard is evident in all she does.

We are grateful for Mrs. Rice's service and proud to celebrate this well-earned recognition. Her dedication continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families throughout Fannin County.

Congratulations, Mrs. Rice, on this outstanding honor.

Shannon M. Dillard
Superintendent