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Six Warren County Schools Named 2025-2026 Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase Schools

McMinnville, Tenn., April 8, 2026 - Bobby Ray Memorial Elementary School, Centertown Elementary School, Eastside Elementary School, Hickory Creek Elementary School, Irving College Elementary School and West Elementary School have each been named a 2025-2026 Capturing Kids' Hearts ® National Showcase School, recognizing the campus for its intentional focus on relationships, student engagement, and a positive learning environment.

This designation is awarded to schools that are creating meaningful connections on campus, where students feel a strong sense of belonging and staff are committed to supporting both the academic and emotional needs of every child. At these schools, that commitment is reflected in daily interactions, shared expectations, and a culture built on trust and respect.

"Capturing Kids' Hearts is more than a program, it's a commitment to meeting the needs of every child by building trust, connection, and a sense of belonging," said Dr. Candice Willmore, Warren County Schools CKH Process Champions Team Leader. "This recognition highlights the intentional work happening in our schools each day to ensure all students, including those with diverse learning needs, feel supported, empowered, and capable of success. I'm grateful for the educators who bring this work to life in such meaningful ways."

The recognition highlights the work happening inside classrooms and throughout the school, where educators prioritize connection as a driver of student success and well-being. Capturing Kids' Hearts recognizes schools nationwide that are making a lasting impact by strengthening connections and cultivating environments where students are supported, challenged, and inspired.

"This recognition speaks to the strong relationships and positive learning environments we've created for our students across the district. We know the impact a teacher can make in a child's life reaches far beyond the classroom, and our educators continue to lead with purpose, consistency, and care. I'm proud of the cultures they are creating," said Dr. Grant Swallows, Director of Schools.

Warren County Schools will continue to build on this momentum, focusing on practices that support strong campus cultures and meaningful student experiences. For more information about Capturing Kids' Hearts, please visit capturingkidshearts.org

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