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Board Matter

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Mr. Chairman—On Wednesday June 9, FCPS recognized exceptional employees from across the school division at an FCPS Honors event. I'm exceptionally proud that winners in three of the county-wide categories recognized either teach or live in the Lee District—including the county's Outstanding Elementary School Teacher, Outstanding New Elementary School Teacher, as well as Outstanding New Principal.

I'd like to briefly recognize these three designees:

2021 Outstanding Elementary School Teacher

David L. Worst

Physical Education Teacher

Rose Hill Elementary School, Region 3

Dave's dedication and enthusiasm for teaching is shown in every interaction he has at Rose Hill Elementary. He builds meaningful relationships with his students to ensure that their social emotional learning needs are met. His background in Adapted P.E. makes him uniquely qualified to advocate for all students. He is at the forefront of new initiatives and serves as a model for his colleagues to ensure equity is kept firmly at the center of our interactions and instruction with students.

2021 Outstanding New Elementary School Teacher

Amelia Kirsten Carr, Lee District resident

Kindergarten Teacher

Bucknell Elementary School, Region 3

Walking past Amelia's kindergarten classroom, you'll probably hear singing, see children dancing, and multiple hands raised proudly ready to add into the current discussion. Amelia equally cares about her students' emotional development and their academic growth. She understands children learn best when they feel welcomed, loved, and represented. Due to the classroom community Amelia has created, her students debate in Socratic Seminars, discuss current events, interview community helpers, play, and elevate their math and reading skills.

2021 Outstanding New Principal

Alfonso G. Smith

Lewis High School, Region 3

In his first few months, Alfonso began his tenure as principal of Robert E. Lee High School, then pivoted into a role as principal of John R. Lewis High School. Regardless of the name on the building, Alfonso's focus has been to develop a "Culture of Excellence" among his students, staff, and community. Already, Alfonso has led his community through a worldwide pandemic, a historic school name change, and a transition to virtual learning.

I'd like to thank my colleagues for the opportunity to recognize these incredible educators, and I look forward to welcoming them to a future event in Lee District in order to formally celebrate their achievements.