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TO: Bullitt County Board of Education

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Re: November 28th Board of Education Meeting Staff Recognition: Moving Forward and Core Values in Action Award Recipients

This year, BCPS began two new recognitions: The Moving Forward Award and The Core Values in Action Award. These awards symbolize the heart of Bullitt County Public Schools: our tagline and the fundamental values we strive to follow each day. The Moving Forward Award is open to any BCPS student, parent, other family member, a Bullitt County community member, or business and the Core Values in Action Award serves to recognize BCPS Staff Members.

Tonight, we are pleased to announce the inaugural recipients of these awards.

Moving Forward Award:

Audrey Stepp, BEHS Sophomore Student

"Audrey has accepted responsibility as a Board Member of Bullitt Opioid Addiction Team (BOAT). BOAT is a non-profit with a mission to raise awareness, educate and prevent adversities due to Substance Use Disorder (SUD) such as overdose/poisoning and promoting Harm Reduction. At 8 yrs old, she requested to be trained in Overdose Rescue and mastered the task which pioneered the training of children 8 yrs and older in this life saving technique. For many years she has volunteered her time and skills battling the opioid epidemic. Audrey is very familiar with differences among others. She has grown up in the company of others with different capabilities; such as family members with physical injury or mental impairment. She is closely acquainted with others that encounter intolerance based on disability, ethnicity, political belief, race, religion, sexual orientation and gender. Audrey is so aware of discrimination, she will deliberately give her attention to the aging animals at a shelter and refuses to ignore people and animals without homes. It is heart-warming to see this young woman reaching into her pocket to share the little money she has with someone else in need. Embracing Differences and Service Before Self are not the only areas she thrives; she is amazing academically and her kindness is beyond compare. Audrey Stepp is a Bullitt East Sophomore worthy of recognition as a BCPS Moving Forward award recipient."

Core Values in Action Awards:

Students Matter Most: Jessica Talley, MWMS Teacher

"She is very understanding and always makes sure the students' learning and general well-being come first. She makes learning fun and always tries to push us to the best of our abilities and genuinely cares about the students and how they end up in life. She loves each one of her students for who they are. However, not only does she care about their endeavors inside her classroom but also outside. She wants all of her students to succeed in all aspects of their lives, not just at school. When I was in her class she always told us if we had sporting or important events she would love it if we

would let her know so that she could be there for us. She has continued to stay in touch with me since I finished my time in her classroom and always wants to stay involved in my life and many of her other students can say the same. I have witnessed her going to students' weddings, sporting events, graduations and many other important life events. Most teachers don't leave that impact on you or try to build that type of a relationship with their students and that is something very special that makes her stand out as an educator and person."

Embrace Differences: Chris McClintock, BLMS Teacher

"Mr. McClintock is an amazing educator and person. He meets each student where they are at and builds on their strengths while working on their areas that are not as strong without making it known to the other students. Teaching students who are on the autism spectrum as our son is can be challenging yet Mr. McClintock makes it look so easy. His calm and innovative ways have encouraged our son to WANT to try things that are hard for him. Hearing our son come home from school excited to share his day with us and how he is stepping outside of his comfort zone and feeling good about it feels great. Mr. McClintock shows how much he cares about his students being able to learn every day."

Service Before Self: Betty Shofner, Instructional Tutor at Riverview

"Ms. Shofner is the FIRST to volunteer to fill in, pick up slack, watch a class, take on responsibilities above and beyond her actual duties and on top of that she does it with a smile. She stays to volunteer for PLC's which she is not required to attend and helps students after hours by answering emails and with assignments. She is always full of humor and joy and makes everyone around her smile each and every day. It is obvious how much she cares about the students, her co-workers and her school."

Future Focused: Lindsey Wegley, NBHS Assistant Principal

"Lindsey is dedicated to BCPS. She exemplifies "Moving Forward and Future Focused." She worked directly with the interim principal to make sure that I had a smooth transition into the principal leadership role. She jumped into anything that was needed from interviewing candidates, planning Bullitt Days and working with me to provide support for NBHS and myself. I would not have made such a smooth transition without Lindsey being "future focused" and helping pave the way for me to transition successfully. She continues to bring her innovative thinking to my team."

Proactive Innovation: Tabi Echols, District Instructional Coach

"Tabi is absolutely wonderful. She is kind, caring, helpful, dependable and puts her heart and soul into everything she does in and out of school. She works tirelessly alongside teachers to create learning opportunities for students that are unique, thoughtful and provide opportunities for students to express their learning in a variety of ways. She consistently sets students and teachers up for success and is always willing to try something new to engage students in their learning. She is such a valuable asset to our school and district and we would be lost without her."

Shared Accountability: Nicole Perugini, ZMS Teacher

"Mrs. Perugini is willing to take on any task presented to her. She is always willing to try new things in her classroom and share with others within the building. Her expertise in her content is off the charts and she is often sought out for ELA advice. Additionally, she is willing to help everyone. This year, as we have searched for a Social Studies teacher, Mrs. Perugini has stepped up and provided plans for this class along with grading completed work on top of planning for own class. Even though Mrs. Perugini has her own 8th grade writing class, she has selflessly created learning opportunities, assignments, and assessments for our 7th grade students. Nicole Perugini is the definition of a team player."