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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Randolph County Board of Education

FROM: Tim Moody, Public Information Officer

DATE: October 19, 2015

RE: Exceptional Children "Teacher of Excellence" award

The Randolph County School System would like to recognize Melanie Parson as the Exceptional Children "Teacher of Excellence" award recipient for the 2015-2016 school year.

Ms. Parson has provided appropriate learning experiences for students in a variety of educational settings for 14 years at the middle school level and is currently teaching at Uwharrie Middle School as a resource teacher.

Please see the attached nomination letter for Ms. Parson submitted by Brooke Moser Johnston (Director of Exceptional Children Services with the Randolph County School System) and Dr. Stephen Gainey (Superintendent for the Randolph County School System) to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.



**Curriculum and Instruction Division**

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The Randolph County School System would like to recognize Melanie Parson as our "Teacher of Excellence" for the 2015-2016 school year. Ms. Parson has provided appropriate learning experiences for students in a variety of educational settings for 14 years at the middle school level and is currently teaching at Uwharrie Middle School (UMS) as a resource teacher.

Ms. Parson holds a clear license in Special Education General Curriculum K-12 and Middle Grades Mathematics (6-8). In 2008, she earned her National Board Certification as an Exceptional Needs Specialist. Her peers have named her as both Distinguished Educator (2007) and Teacher of the Year (2009-10) during her tenure at UMS.

She exhibits the characteristics of a great "teacher leader" who serves as EC Department Chairperson for her school, serves on the school Leadership/Improvement teams, assists teachers with the Multi-Tier Support System (MTSS) and is the point person for the school Autism Team. She has a keen awareness of the learning needs of exceptional children, often conferring with other regular education teachers to make recommendations about how to help students be more successful. In addition, Ms. Parson's close contact with students and parents ensure that all significant stakeholders are involved in the educational process of students.

Ms. Parson is respected by her students, parents, and peers as a dedicated educator. In 2014, Ms. Parson accepted the invitation to join Alpha Delta Kappa, an International Honorary Organization for Women Educators. Her hard work, values and passion for children and education enable her to speak and promote what she does on a day-to-day basis. It is with pride and appreciation that we recognize the gift of excellence that Melanie Parson shares daily with the Randolph County School System.

Respectfully,

Brooke Moser Johnston  
Director of Exceptional Children Services  
Randolph County School System

Stephen Gainey  
Superintendent  
Randolph County School System