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MEMORANDUM

TO: Randolph County Board of Education
Dr. Stephen Gainey, Superintendent

FROM: Tim Moody, Public Information Officer

DATE: October 16, 2017

RE: Exceptional Children "Teacher of Excellence" award

The Randolph County School System would like to recognize Gina Grant as the Exceptional Children "Teacher of Excellence" award recipient for the 2017-2018 school year.

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



August 31, 2017

The Randolph County School System would like to recognize Gina Callicutt Grant as our "Teacher of Excellence" for the 2017-2018 school year. Mrs. Grant has provided appropriate learning experiences for students in a variety of educational settings for 16 years at the elementary and middle school levels. Mrs. Grant holds a clear license in Special Education Cross-Categorical K-12.

Mrs. Grant began her teaching career in 2002 at Uwharrie Middle School (currently named Uwharrie Ridge 6-12) as a self-contained teacher for students in grades 6-8. There, she taught Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Science, with Social Skills curriculum incorporated into every academic area. As a self-contained teacher, she assisted students in preparing and participating in Special Olympics events (swimming, basketball, track/field), and also planned educational field trips that encouraged students to think about future careers/occupations as they moved into their post-secondary lives.

In 2006, she transferred to Southmont Elementary School to work as a Resource Teacher for Exceptional Children, and continues to serve in this capacity. While serving as a resource teacher, she teaches Reading, Writing, Math and Social Skills curriculums through pull-out services and inclusion. Her administration and peers named her as Teacher of the Year during the 2016-2017 school year at Southmont Elementary.

She exhibits the characteristics of a great "teacher leader" who serves as EC Department Chairperson for her school for the past 10 years. 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 become more successful.

Mrs. Grant is highly respected by her students, parents, and peers as a dedicated educator. 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 Gina Callicutt Grant shares daily with the Randolph County School System.

Respectfully,

Brooke Johnston
Director of Exceptional Children Services
Randolph County School System

Stephen Gaaney
Superintendent
Randolph County School System