

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY RECOGNITION

2023 HCPS TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

March 27, 2023

Background Information:

Each year since 1987, the Maryland State Department of Education conducts a Maryland Public School Teacher of the Year program in which each of the 24 state sub-divisions is invited to submit the name and nomination packet of a candidate. Each of the counties and Baltimore City is responsible for determining an appropriate way to select its candidate. In Harford County Public Schools (HCPS), each year beginning in November, nominations are sought from our community for candidates for HCPS Teacher of the Year for the following school year. This year, the process was enhanced to include a school-nominated teacher from each of our 54 schools. From there, the 54 nominees could elect to compete to be named a Top Five Finalist and ultimately the HCPS Teacher of the Year.

Nomination packets were collected by the HCPS Offices of Organizational Development and Equity and Cultural Proficiency. Both offices then collaboratively organized a judging team composed of members of the school system's leadership team, members of the business community, parents, former Teachers of the Year, students, and school administrators. This year, all 54 finalists will be honored at the first ever "Celebration of Excellence in Education" event to be held on April 12, 2023, at Harford Technical High School, during which the five finalists are honored. The Teacher of the Year is announced at the conclusion of the program. Additionally, three former HCPS educators will be honored with induction into the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame during the event.

Discussion:

On April 12, 2023, the school system will name its 29th Teacher of the Year during the Celebration of Excellence in Education. The Top Five Finalists honored will include: Michele Barrie, Aberdeen Middle School; Michael Brogley, C. Milton Wright High School; Traci Frey, Jarrettsville Elementary School; Susan Hoy, Edgewood High School; and Joshua Weeks, Bel Air High School. At the conclusion of the event, the HCPS 2023 Teacher of the Year will be revealed and will enter the competition for the Maryland Teacher of the Year, the winner to be announced at the Maryland State Teacher of the Year Gala later this year.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education of Harford County commend the 2023 HCPS Teacher of the Year Finalists. The Superintendent further recommends the Board wish the winning teacher good luck as he/she enters the Maryland Teacher of the Year competition.