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### Lexington District One names Top 10 Teacher of the Year finalists

LEXINGTON, S.C. — Lexington County School District One announces its Top 10 Teacher of the Year finalists for 2022–23. These finalists go on to compete for 2023–24 District Teacher of the Year. On Dec. 7, 8 and 9, Superintendent Dr. Gerrita Postlewait surprised each of the Top 10 at their schools to share the exciting news.

This year's honorees include Carolina Springs Elementary School Gifted and Talented Teacher Dr. Tamela D. Jett, Gilbert Elementary School Counselor Mackenzie D. Hall, Lake Murray Elementary School Special Education Teacher Katherine J. Handell, Lexington Elementary School Third Grade Teacher Erin K. McMillan, Lexington High School English Teacher Megan G. Small, Meadow Glen Middle School English Language Arts Teacher Trudie Montgomery, New Providence Elementary School STEAM Teacher C. Andrew Brooks, Pleasant Hill Middle School Drama Teacher Lori L. McKelvey, Saxe Gotha Elementary School Special Education Teacher Kimberly A. Lewis and White Knoll High School Chorus Teacher Cheryl B. Felder.

As part of the selection process for district Teacher of the Year, all 31 school-level Teachers of the Year completed a written application form.

Since the district currently has 17 elementary schools, eight middle schools, five high schools and one technology center, three teams of elementary school-level judges, one team of middle school-level judges and one team of high school-level judges used an established rubric to read and score application forms.

The two school-level TOYs with the highest scores from each team became the top 10 finalists. There are six elementary school finalists, two middle school finalists and two high school finalists.

Judges will assess the 10 finalists again in three categories — application, interview and classroom observation — to determine the District Teacher of the Year. The announcement of the district-level winner will take place March 30, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lexington One Performing Arts Center at Lexington High School.

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