



## Greene County Public Schools

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### Greene County Schools Names Educator of the Year and Support Staff Member of the Year

#### *Abigail Lawhorne and Jennifer Meade Recognized as Exceptional Educators for 2021-2022*

(Stanardsville, VA) Thanks to the generous support and contributions of Marianne Shepard – Financial Advisor with Edward Jones, the Greene County School Board is pleased to announce the 2021-2022 recipients of Educator of the Year and Support Staff Member of the Year recognitions. Each school accepted nominations from parents, community members, and staff to nominate one individual from each school. The nominees for Educator of the Year were Abigail Lawhorne (Ruckersville Elementary), Tawny Penic (Nathanael Greene Elementary and Primary), Kathryn Thomas (William Monroe Middle), and Tara Friedman (William Monroe High School). The nominees for Support Staff Member of the Year were Shelly Cable (Ruckersville Elementary), Amanda Bagley (Nathanael Greene Elementary and Primary), Jennifer Meade (William Monroe Middle School), and Morgan Taylor (William Monroe High School).

After a careful review of each nominee's qualifications and application, the selection committee chose to name Ms. Abigail Lawhorne as the 2021-2022 Educator of the Year and Ms. Jennifer Meade as the 2021-2022 Support Staff Member of the Year. Each winner received a \$500 check courtesy of Marianne Shepard – Edward Jones, along with a prize patrol celebration with family, colleagues, and students. Ms. Lawhorne is the school counselor at Ruckersville Elementary and has served in that role for two years. Ms. Meade is a school nurse and has worked in Greene County Schools for six years. The Greene County School system is pleased to be represented by such dedicated educators that work tirelessly each day to ensure that students can succeed and achieve their dreams.

### About Greene County Public Schools

The Greene County Public School Division is located north of Charlottesville, Virginia in one of the few gateways to the Blue Ridge. Greene County School System encourages, challenges, and engages students in an educational process that fosters critical thinkers, lifelong learners, and responsible citizens to be prepared for college, a career, and a globally interconnected world.

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