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CPS Announces Certified and Support Employees for January 2016

Charlotte Public Schools is pleased to announce that Ms. Lynne Truax has been selected as the Support Employee of the month; Ms. Truax is the transportation administrative assistant, and Ms. Rebecca Phenix has been selected as the Certified Employee of the month; Ms. Phenix is a special education teacher at the Upper Elementary.

Ms. Truax was nominated by Kathy Fuller, the Transportation Supervisor. In her nomination, excerpts of what Ms. Fuller wrote include: "Lynne is the 'voice' of Transportation. She is who primarily answers the phones, directs the calls...answers questions about bus locations, or other Transportation issues. She schedules trips and drivers, she handles all the new student registrations and assigns them to buses. Lynne is also on the front line when the calls are not so friendly, she is the calmest person I have ever met. She is so kind to all, drivers and parents, anyone who walks through our door. She is my rock, she is my spell check, she is my sounding board. She never voices her opinion unless you ask her for it, which is usually well thought out before it's given. Not only does she handle all of this for the busing in Charlotte, but Pottersville as well. When Lynne is off for some reason we all go into a little panic mode because it's at that moment we realize how much we rely on her and how much she means to our department." "...she is an amazing person, and she strives every day to be the best at her job, and is well deserving of Support Staff person of the Month."



Ms. Rebecca Phenix was nominated by fellow teachers, Angi Jewell and Courtney Quinn. Excerpts of what Courtney wrote include: "She saw a need in our district to leave her position; to help the most needy of students here at Charlotte" "She is quick to give positive comments to her staff and peers. She always has a smile on her face. She has taken on leadership roles the five years she has been at CMS." Some of what Ms. Jewell wrote includes: "Rebecca is a special education teacher at the Upper Elementary. She stepped into this position well into the start of the school year under challenging

circumstances. Rebecca rose up to this challenge in every way. She immediately began by getting to know the diverse needs of each of her students.” “Her kind and gentle manner endeared her to students and staff alike.” “Whether a child is struggling emotionally, socially or academically, she is there to provide the support they need in a calm and inviting space. She has also worked hard to build positive relationships with the paraprofessionals who work with her. This positive rapport is reflected in the way they work as a team to support students and teachers. Rebecca is most definitely a welcome addition to the CUE. Her hard work and dedication truly exemplify Oriole Pride.”

Charlotte Public Schools is very proud of these employees and appreciative of their efforts on behalf of our students and staff.

If you know of a CPS employee who goes above and beyond on a consistent basis, you are invited to nominate them for employee of the month. Information is available on the District’s website: www.charlottenet.org or feel free to call 541-5101 for more information.