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## **CPS Announces Employees of the Month for April**

Charlotte Public Schools is pleased to announce that Ms. Heather Worden has been selected as the Support Employee of the month and Ms. Tami Nixon as the Certified Employee of the month for the month of April 2017.

Ms. Worden is a Paraprofessional at Charlotte's Washington Elementary, and was nominated by Mr. Mark Short, Washington Principal. In his nomination, Mr. Short wrote: "Heather Worden is a caring and energetic paraprofessional that is in her fourth year of employment at Washington Elementary. Heather is a leader that takes charge to engage the students and to simply do what's right for kids. She arrives every day with a positive attitude that transfers to everyone she encounters. You may find her telling jokes on the microphone in the lunchroom just to keep the kids' attention. While working with students in the classroom she is the gentle guide on the side that leads them to success. Washington and the Charlotte Community is lucky to have such a special person working with our students every day."

Ms. Tami Nixon is a Resource Room teacher at Charlotte High School and was nominated by high school teacher, Cindy Hosek and by community



member, Miranda Steward. Excerpts of what they wrote in their nominations include: Ms. Hosek -“Tami helps run the LOFT program which was started in 2015 as a way to help meet the needs of our homeless students and needy families.” “We recently had a family in need of specific clothing items that the LOFT did not have in stock. She proceeded to find the funding through private donations and other funding methods to supply the family with the specific items they needed.” “She went out of her way to make sure the family received their items within days of hearing of their situation. Tami is dedicated in trying to meet our student’s needs, both in and out of the classroom.” Ms. Steward – “I had the unique opportunity today to interact with Mrs. Nixon and her students at a teaching conference in Detroit, and I was highly impressed.” “After chatting with her high schoolers, I was amazed at the opportunities she has given them, both in local places around Charlotte and especially here at a conference for around 5,000 educators. It seems Mrs. Nixon has been an incredible asset to CHS, and I was very inspired by her students today.”

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

If you know of a CPS employee who goes “above and beyond”, you are invited to nominate them for employee of the month. Information is available on the District’s website: [www.charlottenet.org](http://www.charlottenet.org) under the *Staff* tab.