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CPS Announces Certified and Support Employees for January 2015

Charlotte Public Schools is pleased to announce that Mr. Jon Marks has been selected as the Support Employee of the month; Mr. Marks is the Building Engineer for Parkview Elementary and Ms. Kassandra Davis has been selected as the Certified Employee of the month; Ms. Davis is a Special Education teacher at Charlotte High School.

Mr. Marks was nominated by the Parkview School Improvement Team. In their nomination, some of what they wrote includes: "Jon Marks has been a dedicated employee for Charlotte Public Schools for 31 years as of February, 2015. He shows his pride for Parkview Elementary through his attention to details of its' appearance, which creates a



school environment that staff and community members feel proud to be a member." "Jon strives to build relationships with students. He can often be seen helping students throughout all parts of the day, including before school and lunch. He frequently attends students' extracurricular activities, which shows them how much he cares about them." "Whenever a staff member is in need of a ladder, heat, a Santa Claus, or has an idea for a project, Jon goes above and beyond to help make an idea become a reality." "Jon is an outstanding, dedicated employee to Charlotte Public Schools,.....who not only comes to Parkview as a job, but as a person who is invested in the betterment of our school district."

Ms. Kassandra Davis was nominated by Special Education Director, Laura Lezotte. Excerpts of what Ms. Lezotte wrote in her nomination include: "Ms. Davis is an extraordinary educator....She is well engaged with her students in developing instruction and curriculum that meets their needs." "In terms of connecting with students, she consistently motivates them to stretch beyond what their expectations may be for themselves; academically and socially. She is a leader in terms of being a role model, always demonstrating caring, consistency and regard for her students through her words and actions. She builds positive relationships with families,

communicating clearly student's goals and progress." "She goes beyond the definition of educator – she is a teacher, friend, steady adult, joyful personality and the embodiment of tolerance. She is the *chairperson of the cheering section* for all of her students and we are very fortunate to count her among our exemplary staff."

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.