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RE: Brown Named Top Supervisor in the State of Tennessee

Dr. Jennifer Brown, Sumner County's Deputy Director of Schools, was named Tennessee's 2016-17 Supervisor of the Year last night at a banquet sponsored by the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) and the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents (TOSS).

Dr. Brown has led the district's teacher leader design work, created a district-wide culture that values teachers as leaders, and served as a model and coach for other districts. Under her leadership, the district has achieved the highest graduation rate ever and has been recognized by the College Board as one of 10 Tennessee districts on the National AP Honor Roll.

Dr. Brown, representing Sumner County and the Mid-Cumberland region, was nominated by her peers from 16 different districts (including Williamson, Davidson, Wilson, Rutherford, and Clarksville-Montgomery) as the Mid-Cumberland Supervisor of the year this past May. She then underwent a strenuous screening process that included written responses and a peer-led interview phase. In 2015, Dr. Brown was also named as the Mid-Cumberland Supervisor of the Year by her peers.

After Dr. Brown began serving as the district's Assistant Director for Instruction in 2011, Sumner County has seen an improvement in academic gains, earning straight As in achievement for the last three years. The district also boasts one of the highest graduation rates in the state and the third highest ACT composite among Tennessee districts with enrollments of over 10,000 students.

Dr. Brown was promoted to Deputy Director during last year's budget process as part of an organizational realignment. In her new role, Dr. Brown is responsible for supervising the district's Instruction, Pupil Services, Transportation, Information Technology and Human Resources departments. In her new role, Dr. Brown is now responsible for overseeing the district's IT infrastructure, hiring processes and student transportation planning, in addition to overseeing all aspects of PreK-12 instruction.

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“Having worked with Dr. Brown for the past four years, it is remarkable to see the improvements that have been made in our county's instructional areas in such a short time. Dr. Brown has a wonderful vision for what the teachers and students of Sumner County need and require to be successful,” said Gallatin High Principal, Dr. Ron Becker.

Dr. Brown has implemented four new high school programs within the last three years: a middle college high school, a middle technical college high school, a virtual high school, and a university experience program. She has implemented ACT preparation programs and STEM focus strands in all high schools, and added 88 dual enrollment opportunities while ensuring that every high school in the district offers Advanced Placement courses to their students.

Brown has also implemented a leadership track in Sumner County, placing two teacher leaders in every school. Through her leadership program, over 150 Sumner County teachers have completed their instructional coaching certificates and earned 12 graduate credit hours, at no cost to them.

“Having the privilege of working for Dr. Brown and now serving as a principal, it comes as no surprise that she was awarded the Tennessee Supervisor of the Year. Dr. Brown is a servant leader who always puts students first. She works tirelessly to support all students, district staff members, and the community that she loves. Not only is she concerned with growing students, but she also strives each and every day to improve our lives,” commented Sabrina McClard.

Dr. Brown has presented at the local, regional, state, and international level. She currently serves as a regional coach to five other Tennessee districts and serves on numerous state- and local-level boards and councils. Dr. Brown has served as a middle school English teacher (while in this role, she was selected by her peers as Teacher of the Year in 2000), an assistant principal, a professional development supervisor, and the district's accountability coordinator.

“It was wonderful to see Dr. Brown get the recognition she very much deserves,” stated Del Phillips, Director of Sumner County Schools. “She loves Sumner County and daily goes above and beyond her role and responsibilities to make a difference in the lives of the students and adults who live here.”

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