



OFFICIAL MEMO

To: Board of Education

From: Office of Superintendent

Date: April 22, 2025

Subject: Recognition of Honorees & Educator of the Year Nominations

We are proud to announce our District 126 nominees for the 2025 Lake County Educator of the Year Awards, which will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at the Lake County Fairgrounds:

These outstanding staff members were selected for their dedication, leadership, and lasting impact on students, colleagues, and the school community. Each nominee exemplifies the core values of Zee Bee P.R.I.D.E.—Perseverance, Responsibility, Integrity, Diversity, and Empowerment—through their daily work, commitment to equity, and unwavering support of student success.

- **Classroom High School Teacher:** Sarah Haske
- **Classroom Diverse Learner Teacher (ELL, SPED):** Mark Stave
- **School Administrator:** Andrew Stout
- **Student Support Personnel:** Colleen Newton
- **Educational Service Personnel:** Patricia Vargas
- **Mental Health Specialist (Student Support):** Robyn Ondo

Nomination packets were submitted to the Lake County Regional Office of Education in March, and all nominees will be attending the banquet.

We look forward to celebrating these exceptional educators who truly represent the spirit and excellence of our district.