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Joyce Snyder is a lifelong educator, advocate for children, and dedicated community servant with 39 years of experience in education, including 30 years serving Athens City Schools as a classroom teacher and Instructional Coach. A retired Athens City Schools educator, she has devoted her career to supporting students, strengthening public education, and ensuring that every child's needs are represented and valued.

Joyce is a hometown girl graduating from McMinn Central High School in 1981. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Primary and Secondary Education from Tennessee Wesleyan University in 1985, a Master of Science degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Tennessee in 1991, and an Educational Specialist degree in 2006.

Throughout her career, Joyce has been recognized for excellence in education and leadership. She was named Ingleside Teacher of the Year 2012-2013 and Athens City School Teacher of the Year in 2016-2017. Also, in 2016-17, she received the Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year and was selected as the State of Tennessee Southeast Regional Teacher of the Year. Joyce believes these awards reflect the excellence of the many teachers she has had the privilege of learning from and teaching alongside throughout her career.

Beyond the classroom, Joyce has remained deeply committed to serving her community. She has served as United Way Campaign Co-Chair and as a Co-Chair of the United Way's President's Council. She also serves on the Trinity Children's Academy Board at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Joyce is most grateful to be married to Frank Snyder. She has one perfect son, Cole, who attended Athens City Schools. Her lifelong commitment to children, families, and public education continues to guide her dedication to the Athens community.