LEE COUNTY SCHOOLS
INSPIRED.

PROCLAMATION

HONORING THE EMPLOYEES OF LEE COUNTY SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the success of a school system is ultimately measured not only by its buildings, programs, or numbers, but by the people who show up each day with the knowledge, dedication, compassion, and determination to help children succeed; and

WHEREAS, the employees of Lee County Schools have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the students and families they serve, working together through challenge, change, and opportunity to build a stronger school system; and

WHEREAS, the 2025–2026 school year marked an extraordinary achievement for Lee County Schools, with all 14 graded schools improving in performance, academic growth, or both, and the district moving from five low performing schools to zero; and

WHEREAS, six schools improved by at least one full letter grade, 11 of the district's 14 graded schools met or exceeded expected academic growth, and the district's graduation rate reached 89.2 percent, exceeding the statewide rate; and

WHEREAS, these accomplishments did not happen because of one person, one school, or one initiative. They are the result of countless hours of work by the entire Lee County Schools team, including teachers, principals, instructional staff, counselors, social workers, psychologists, nurses, exceptional children staff, administrators, office personnel, bus drivers, transportation staff, child nutrition employees, custodians, maintenance and grounds crews, technology staff, coaches, athletic personnel, school resource and safety personnel, and every employee who contributes to the daily operation and success of our schools; and

WHEREAS, teachers and instructional staff have worked tirelessly to meet students where they are, strengthen instruction, analyze data, provide support and intervention, and maintain high expectations for every learner; and

WHEREAS, principals, assistant principals, and school leaders have provided direction, encouragement, accountability, and a commitment to continuous improvement, creating school environments in which students and employees can thrive; and

WHEREAS, counselors, social workers, nurses, psychologists, exceptional children professionals, and student support staff have helped ensure that students' academic,

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emotional, behavioral, developmental, and physical needs are addressed so they can fully participate in learning; and

WHEREAS, bus drivers and transportation employees have carried the responsibility of safely transporting thousands of students to and from school each day, providing one of the first and last points of connection between students and their schools; and

WHEREAS, child nutrition employees have provided students with meals and nourishment essential to their health, well-being, and ability to learn; and

WHEREAS, custodians, maintenance and grounds employees have worked behind the scenes every day to keep schools clean, safe, functional, and welcoming environments for students and staff; and

WHEREAS, office personnel, technology staff, administrative employees, coaches, athletic personnel, safety staff, and countless others have provided the services, expertise, organization, and support necessary for schools to operate effectively each day; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of Lee County Schools reflect the spirit of the district's Thrive in Lee strategic plan, including its commitment to student growth and achievement, student well-being and safety, operational strength, and a strong and dedicated educator workforce; and

WHEREAS, the employees of Lee County Schools have demonstrated that improvement is not a destination but a daily commitment, one lesson, one student, one classroom, one bus route, one meal, one conversation, and one act of service at a time; and

WHEREAS, behind every improved score is a student who was encouraged, behind every successful classroom is an educator who worked beyond the school day, and behind every successful school is a team of people who refused to give up on the children entrusted to their care; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Education recognizes that the extraordinary results achieved this year belong to the entire Lee County Schools team and honors the people who work every day, often without recognition, to give our students the opportunity to succeed; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that while the achievement of zero low performing schools is a significant milestone, the greater accomplishment is the culture of improvement, belief, teamwork, and high expectations that made such results possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Lee County Board of Education proudly recognizes and honors all employees of Lee County Schools for their extraordinary dedication, professionalism, perseverance, and service to the children and families of Lee County.

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BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Board extends its sincere gratitude to every employee, whether working in a classroom, driving a school bus, preparing or serving meals, maintaining a school, supporting students and families, keeping records and offices running, providing technology, ensuring safety, coaching students, leading a school, or serving behind the scenes, for understanding that every role matters and every student matters.

BE IT FINALLY PROCLAIMED, that the Lee County Board of Education celebrates the accomplishments of the 2025–2026 school year and recognizes the employees of Lee County Schools as the people who turned vision into action, challenges into progress, and opportunity into achievement.

With gratitude, respect, and appreciation, the Lee County Board of Education salutes every employee of Lee County Schools.

ADOPTED, this 8th day of September, 2026, by the Lee County Board of Education.

Sherry Lynn Womack
Chairman
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ATTEST:

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