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MEMORANDUM

TO: Randolph County Board of Education
Dr. Stephen Gainey, Superintendent

FROM: Amber Ward, Public Information Officer

DATE: October 19, 2026

RE: 2026-2027 Randolph County School System Principal of the Year

Congratulations to Paula LaPlant of Southmont Elementary School for being selected as the Randolph County School System's "Principal of the Year" for the 2026-2027 school year.

Ms. LaPlant's professional profile is attached for your reference.

2026-2027 Randolph County School System
Principal of the Year
Paula LaPlant

Background Information

Education

- Bachelor of Science Degree–Psychology, St. Lawrence University (New York), 1997
- Masters in Education Degree–Curriculum and Instruction, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2008
- Masters in School Administration Degree, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2018

License

- Principal
- Elementary Education (K-6)
- Reading (K-12)
- Physical Education (K-12)

Experience

- Principal – Southmont Elementary School, Randolph County School System, 2021 - present
- Principal–Archdale Elementary School, Randolph County School System, 2019-2021
- Assistant Principal–Archdale Elementary School (50%)/John Lawrence Elementary School (50%), Randolph County School System, 2018-2019
- Administrative Intern–Northeastern Randolph Middle School/Archdale Elementary School, Randolph County School System, 2017-2018
- Lead Teacher–Farmer Elementary School, Randolph County School System, 2008-2017
- Teacher–Guy B. Teachey Elementary School, Asheboro City Schools, 2007-2008