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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Amber Ward, Public Information Officer

DATE: August 17, 2026

RE: North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching 2027 Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year Finalist

The "NCCAT 2027 Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Career and Technical Education (CTE) Teacher of the Year Award" was established to celebrate the innovation, leadership, and dedication of CTE educators across North Carolina. This award honors teachers who exemplify the highest standards of excellence in preparing students for both college and career pathways as well as support workforce development. The school system would like to honor Ms. McKee, an Agriculture teacher at Trinity High School, for being named as a finalist for the "NCCAT 2027 Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Career and Technical Education (CTE) Teacher of the Year Award." As a result of this great honor, Ms. McKee will be attending a week of professional development with her fellow finalists in October, where interviews and portfolio reviews will be conducted by an expert panel of judges from across the state to determine the next North Carolina CTE Teacher of the Year. On October 29, 2026, NCCAT will celebrate all finalists and announce the winner at a recognition event at the Embassy Suites in Concord, North Carolina.