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**TO:** All District Employees

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**SUBJECT:** Announcement of Sumter County's Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to the finalists for Teacher of the Year representing all the great teachers in Sumter. They are Mrs. Deanna Strickland, South Sumter Middle School, Mrs. Susan "Renee" Perkins, South Sumter High School and Mrs. Carissa McCray, Wildwood Middle High School. Each one demonstrates the knowledge, skills, and gifts to teach and inspire students of all backgrounds, ages, and abilities in their specialized areas of expertise.

This week an observation team visited the three finalists. Using observation, interview, and nomination information, the reviewers accomplished the difficult task of selecting the district representative for 2017. While all three finalists were outstanding, the observation committee selected **Mrs. Susan "Renee" Perkins**, to serve as Sumter's ambassador for 2017. Mrs. Perkins will proceed on to the state level competition and will be recognized at a formal gala this summer. We wish her the very best of luck!

In order to recognize the powerful impact that teachers have on the lives of young people, all school nominees will be honored on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, during a Sumter County School Board meeting. A reception will begin at 5:00, followed by principal presentations at 5:30. Faculty members, friends and families of all school nominees are invited to join us for this occasion. We look forward to a memorable celebration.