



WHEREAS, Ms. Meghan LeFevers, Assistant Principal at Bessemer City High School since 2014 and former teacher at W.C. Friday Middle School, was recently recognized with top state and national honors by the North Carolina Secondary Principals and Assistant Principals' Association (NCPAPA) and the national Milken Educator Award; and,

WHEREAS, she was selected among the state's top administrators as the 2018 Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year following an extensive nomination and application process. She will represent North Carolina nationally in July as she vies for NASSP Assistant Principal of the Year honors; and,

WHEREAS, within the span of a month, Ms. LeFevers was again recognized during a surprise announcement at a Bessemer City High School assembly with special guests on hand, Mr. Mark Johnson, North Carolina Superintendent of Public Instruction and Dr. Jane Foley, Milken Educator Awards Senior Vice President, as she learned she had been selected, along with 44 other national honorees, as the recipient of the prestigious 2017-2018 Milken Educator Award, earning her a \$25,000 unrestricted cash prize; and,

WHEREAS, Meghan's innovative work with at-risk and special needs students, along with her keen ability to foster academic success, no matter the student or the circumstances, earned her the attention of Milken, as she was sought out for this unique award – an award that you cannot be nominated for or apply for and that has been befittingly hailed as the "Oscars of Teaching" by *Teacher Magazine*; and,

WHEREAS, honoring Ms. LeFevers as a "creative administrator and educator", Dr. Foley was also quoted as praising her work "across the educational spectrum from gifted students to the disabled" and for striving "to maximize the potential of each and every student, especially those from underserved communities". She has travelled statewide and nationally sharing her knowledge of inclusion practices and her passion for educational equity; and,

WHEREAS, Meghan, who comes from a family of educators, is a 2003 graduate of Cherryville High School. She began her academic path at Appalachian State University, earning a bachelor's degree in elementary education as a North Carolina Teaching Fellow and she earned her master's degree in school administration from UNC Charlotte in 2014, completing both degrees with "summa cum laude" academic status.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby congratulates and commends

Ms. Meghan LeFevers

upon her recent recognition as the 2018 NCPAPA North Carolina Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year and as the recipient of the 2017-2018 Milken Educator Award. The Board further extends its appreciation for her leadership, compassion and exceptional work as a Gaston County educator.

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