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Escambia County (FL) School District Honors February Stellar Employee

During the Feb. 16, 2021, Regular School Board meeting, Escambia County's Superintendent Dr. Timothy Smith announced the Stellar Employee for the Month of February is Suzanne Barnes.

Suzanne Barnes is the administrative school secretary at Brown Barge Middle School. She has been with the school district for ten (10) years, and in her position for five and one-half (5.5) years.

"To be stellar means to be exceptionally good or outstanding," said Dr. Smith. "Suzanne Barnes is far beyond a stellar employee, and she is not only stellar every month, but every single day. In addition to being one of the most hard working members of Brown Barge Middle School, going above and beyond her job description every day, her kindness, patience, accountability, and integrity are unwavering. She manages the front office with grace and efficiency."

He continued, "Mrs. Barnes survived multiple rounds of cancer treatments in the past, yet she still came to work with a smile on her face. Anyone who knows Suzanne or has interacted with her can attest to just how incredible she is."

Dr. Smith then shared accolades submitted by her co-workers.

- Accountability, and Integrity are unwavering. Suzanne Barnes manages the front office with grace and efficiency.
- Suzanne survived multiple rounds of cancer treatments in the past, yet she still came to work with a smile on her face. Anyone who knows Suzanne or has interacted with her can attest to just how incredible she is.
- Role model for young ladies, always looking at the bright side. She gives of herself completely and with general concern for all she comes in contact with. I am proud to work, know and love her.
- Suzanne Barnes is always the rock in the storm. Since being hired by the district, when I have a question, I can think of no person more deserving of recognition than Ms. Barnes.

- Ms. Barnes is always incredibly helpful. There is literally nothing she can't do and she does it all with a smile."
- It is astounding how Ms. Barnes stays on top of all she has to manage, all the while keeping a steady, gentle, and pleasant spirit! She's like a rock in the storm!
- Suzanne Barnes brings peace and happiness wherever she is and to whomever she is with. She approaches everything with grace and patience.

Dr. Smith finished by saying, "Suzanne Barnes is stellar because of her excellent work ethic and dedication to the staff and students throughout the Escambia County school district. She exemplifies the pillars of people and service and it is for these reasons, and so many others, that she has been selected as our Stellar Employee of the Month for February, 2021."

She received a plaque, pin, and a check for \$100 from Members First Credit Union.

Photos fr the meeting and the recording of the LIVE feed of the School Board meeting are available on Facebook on the page, Escambia Schools Public Relations. The recording of the meeting is also posted on the ECSD Youtube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/c/ECSDFlorida>, and on the Board Meeting information webpage, <http://escambiacitysdfi.swagit.com/play/02172021-518>.

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