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Don Flow, CEO, of Flow Honda in Winston-Salem, is donating \$2500 to the North Carolina Teacher of the Year Program. Support of the recognition program highlights the company's appreciation and commitment to public education and teachers across our state.



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school students who qualify for free-or-reduced price meals — to effective but underutilized federal nutrition programs such as school breakfast, summer meals, and afterschool meals. Our organization was formed in 2011 in partnership with state leaders and the national No Kid Hungry campaign, which is a program of the nonprofit Share Our Strength. In 2014, No Kid Hungry NC became an initiative based at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. Learn more about nutrition's connection to academic success at NoKidHungryNC.org.



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AWARD CEREMONY

— LUNCHEON —

MISTRESS OF CEREMONY

DR. SONJA BROWN • Educator Advancement Lead,
Office of District and Regional Support, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

DR. CYNTHIA MARTIN • Senior Director,
Office of District and Regional Support, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

ALAN DUNCAN • Vice-Chairman, State Board of Education

VIDEO GREETING

ROY COOPER • Governor of North Carolina

REMARKS

DR. LOUIS J. MUGLIA • President and CEO, Burroughs Wellcome Fund

SPECIAL REMARKS

LEAH CARPER • 2022 Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year

RECOGNITION OF REGIONAL FINALISTS

DR. JERRY OATES • Deputy Superintendent, District and School Support Services

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2023 BURROUGHS WELLCOME FUND NORTH CAROLINA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

CATHERINE TRUITT • State Superintendent, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

CLOSING AND ADJOURNMENT

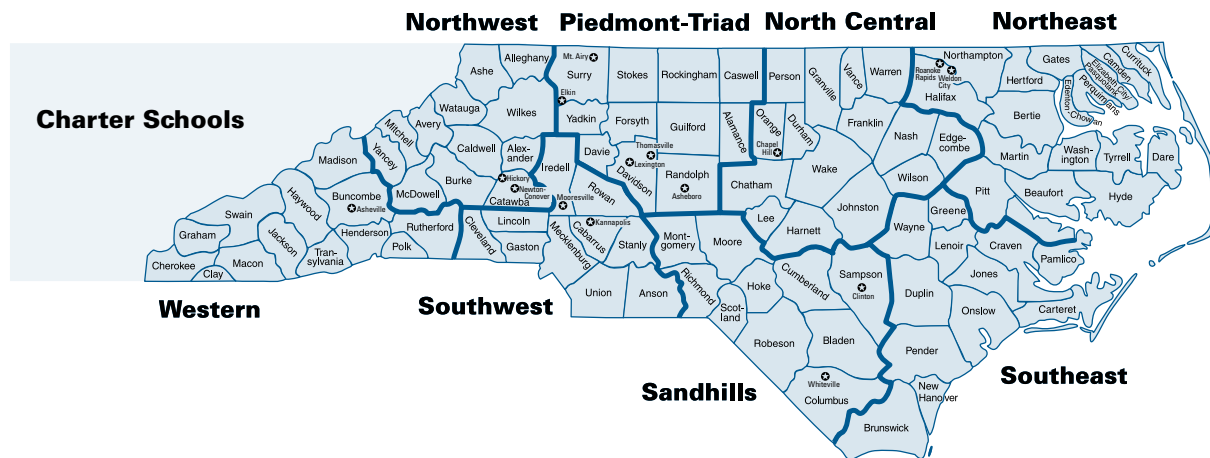
DR. SONJA BROWN

Photos immediately following ceremony on terrace for finalists and sponsors

NC TEACHER of the YEAR PROGRAM

Since 1970, North Carolina has recognized outstanding teachers through the Teacher of the Year program. The mission of the North Carolina Teacher of the Year Program is to promote the profession through advocacy and support while recognizing quality teaching professionals implementing best practices within classrooms across North Carolina. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, along with its sponsors recognize outstanding teachers at the school, local, regional, and state levels. First, individuals are chosen to represent their respective schools as Teacher of the Year, then they advance to compete at the district level. Similarly, individual charter schools nominate Teachers of the Year who participate in a selection process facilitated by the Office of Charter Schools. Charter schools are clustered together to form the ninth region of the state.

After the district and charter school nomination processes are completed, the Charter School Teacher of the Year joins the eight Regional Teachers of the Year as a finalist for State Teacher of the Year. This selection process is facilitated in each region by Regional Education Facilitators representing the Office of District & Regional Support at the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.



2023 TEACHER OF THE YEAR STATE SELECTION COMMITTEE

Naming the individual who will represent North Carolina and serve as a spokesperson for all teachers in our state is a challenging task. The state selection committee members are chosen based on their dynamic public record in support of education. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education take pride in celebrating the most innovative and effective public school educators in our state.

DR. BEVERLY EMORY • Retired Deputy Superintendent NCDPI, Former District Superintendent North Carolina & Ohio

DR. DOUG EURY • Founder & CEO of Eury Consulting Services

TYRONNA HOOKER • Impact Alamance Vice President, 2011 NC Teacher of the Year

BILL MILLER • Retired Superintendent, Polk County Schools

DR. SONJA BROWN, EX OFFICIO MEMBER • Educator Advancement Lead,
Office of District & Regional Support, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

NORTHEAST REGION



CASEY LEWIS SCHULTE **Northeast Region** **Teacher of the Year**

Bath Elementary
Beaufort County Schools

- 7th–8th Grade Social Studies Teacher
- 10 years of teaching experience
- North Carolina State University (BS, M.Ed)
- Participant in the ReThink Education Facilitator Cohort 2
- Member of the North Carolina Council for Social Studies
- Participant in the National Education Summit in Washington D.C.

Northeast REGION WINNERS

APRIL B. SWAIN

Windsor Elementary | Bertie County Schools

LYNDON C. DUPREE

Camden County High | Camden County Schools

CHRISTIAN LOWE

JP Knapp Early College | Currituck County Schools

RHYS LAMBERG

Manteo Elementary | Dare County Schools

CHANDLER BASS

D F Walker Elementary | Edenton-Chowan Schools

DOTTIE JENNINGS

Weeksville Elementary | Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools

GRAYLEN BOONE

Gates County High | Gates County Schools

NINA LEE

Pittman Elementary Leadership Academy | Halifax County Schools

ALICIA MYRICK-FENNELL

Riverview Elementary | Hertford County Public Schools

AMY BUTLER BARSANTI

Jamesville Elementary | Martin County Schools

ASHITA HARRIS

Conway Middle | Northampton County Schools

KELLY RUSSELL

Perquimans County High | Perquimans County Schools

MATT DANIEL

Sam D. Bundy Elementary | Pitt County Schools

ANGELICA WALTON

Roanoke Valley Early College High | Weldon City Schools

SOUTHEAST REGION



LAURA WILSON

Southeast Region Teacher of the Year

Roger Bell New Tech Academy
Craven County Schools

- 4th Grade Teacher
- 13 years of teaching experience
- East Carolina University (BS)
- Clinical Educator – East Carolina University
- Co-creator of District Teacher Advisory Council
- Beginning Teacher Trainer and Advisor



Southeast REGION WINNERS

KRISTIN EADDY

Lincoln Elementary | Brunswick County Schools

CHELSEA GUTHRIE

Harkers Island Elementary | Carteret County Public Schools

ANDREW WILSON

B.F. Grady Elementary | Duplin County Schools

ALLIE GRAY

Greene County Intermediate | Greene County Schools

MARY MURPHREY MURPHY

Jones Senior High | Jones County Public Schools

PAULINE LINDO

E.B. Frink Middle | Lenoir County Public Schools

STEPHEN O'NEIL

Eugene Ashley High | New Hanover County Schools

KAYLA ANDERSON

Meadow View Elementary | Onslow County Schools

KATIE HARDISON

Pamlico County Primary | Pamlico County Schools

AMY LAWSON

Burgaw Middle | Pender County Schools

JAIME BRITT COX

Grantham Elementary | Wayne County Public Schools

NORTH CENTRAL REGION



KIMBERLY S. JONES **North Central Region** **Teacher of the Year**

Chapel Hill High
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

- 10th Grade English Teacher
- 17 years of teaching experience
- Wake Forest University (BA, M.Ed)
- National Board Certified
- Recipient of the Multicultural Student Action Network Equity Equals Excellence Award
- Co-Coordinator of the AVID Program



North Central REGION WINNERS

CASSADI WALDEN

Chatham Central High | Chatham County Schools

WILLIAM HILL

Little River K-8 | Durham Public Schools

BRITTANY WHITE

Edgecombe Early College | Edgecombe County Public Schools

CHRISTINA PARKES-WATSON

Franklinton Elementary | Franklin County Schools

WILLIAM TAYLOR

Granville Central High | Granville County Public Schools

SHANNON WATKINS

Harnett Central High | Harnett County Schools

JENNIFER BENINATE

Four Oaks Elementary | Johnston County Public Schools

TOMMY HARRINGTON

SanLee Middle | Lee County Schools

SHANNON COMERFORD

Southern Nash Middle | Nash County Public Schools

SHANNON FLOYD

Grady A. Brown Elementary | Orange County Schools

DEBRANYA BROWER

South Elementary | Person County Schools

ANITA GRIFFITH

Zeb Vance Elementary | Vance County Schools

CAROLINE OLSON

Broughton Magnet High | Wake County Public School System

CARRIE MARAVI

Fike High | Wilson County Schools

SANDHILLS REGION



TEENA McCURRY ROBINSON

Sandhills Region Teacher of the Year

Mineral Springs Elementary
Richmond County Schools

- K-5 Grade Talent Development and Academically Intellectually Gifted Teacher
- 16 years of teaching experience
- Appalachian State University (BS)
- University of North Carolina at Pembroke (AIG Licensure)
- National Board Certified
- Beginning Teacher Mentor



Sandhills REGION WINNERS

JESSICA RHODES

Bladenboro Middle | Bladen County Schools

KHRISSY EDGE SMITH

Butler Avenue | Clinton City Schools

JIMMY DALE PRICE

South Columbus High | Columbus County Schools

TALICIA SMITH

Douglas Byrd Middle | Cumberland County Schools

DANAYA L. SIMMONS

Upchurch Elementary | Hoke County Schools

AUTUMN MCNEILL

Candor Elementary | Montgomery County Schools

MELANIE C. HENDERSON

Southern Pines Elementary | Moore County Schools

MARIAN HENDERSON MCLAURIN

Fairmont High | Public Schools of Robeson County

KRISTINE TRAVERS

Union Middle | Sampson County Schools

DAN HERSEY

Spring Hill Middle | Scotland County Schools

AMBER MEARES-HOWARD

North Whiteville Academy | Whiteville City Schools

PIEDMONT-TRIAD REGION



TIFFANY MICHELLE WYNN

Piedmont-Triad Region Teacher of the Year

Thomasville Middle
Thomasville City Schools

- **8th Grade Science Teacher**
- **11 years of teaching experience**
- **College of Charleston (BS)**
- **North Carolina State University (M.Ed)**
- **Donors Choose Advocate
and Ambassador**
- **Creator of Operation Breaktime/Pause
of Hope**

Piedmont-Triad REGION WINNERS

MEDORA BURKE-SCOLL

Eastern Alamance High | Alamance-Burlington School System

HEATHER CARR

Donna Lee Loflin Elementary | Asheboro City Schools

KIMBERLY OWEN

North Elementary | Caswell County Schools

JESSICA ADAMS

Cooleemee Elementary | Davie County Schools

CHRIS CARROLL

Sternberger Elementary | Guilford County Schools

MELISSA L. MARTIN

Jones Intermediate | Mount Airy City Schools

SOPHIE HERRING

Trindale Elementary | Randolph County School System

BECCA ISLEY

Monroeton Elementary | Rockingham County Schools

ABBEY WESTMORELAND

Poplar Springs Elementary | Stokes County Schools

ANYA TILLEY-MARTIN

Surry Central High | Surry County Schools

NICOLE WOOTEN

Sedge Garden Elementary | Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools

JULIE RUSSELL

Yadkinville Elementary | Yadkin County Schools

SOUTHWEST REGION



RACHEL FRYE **Southwest Region** **Teacher of the Year**

East Lincoln High
Lincoln County Schools

- 10th–12th Grade English Teacher
- 20 years of teaching experience
- North Carolina State University (BA)
- National Board Certified
- North Carolina Teaching Fellow
- Beginning Teacher Mentor



Southwest REGION WINNERS

KRISTIN H. PARK

Anson County Early College | Anson County Schools

ANGIE MCCLAIN

Beverly Hills STEM Elementary | Cabarrus County Schools

IMEE IDJAO

Villa Heights Elementary | Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

CAILYN VAN BUREN

Washington Elementary | Cleveland County Schools

STEVEN LOUDON

WC Friday Middle | Gaston County Schools

KELLY CANNON

Troutman Middle | Iredell-Statesville Schools

JULIE MICHELLE YONGUE

G. W. Carver Elementary | Kannapolis City Schools

JESSICA CLARK

Mooresville High | Mooresville Graded School District

RACHEL MOYSAN

East Rowan High | Rowan-Salisbury School System

STEPHEN M. WILCOX

North Stanly Middle | Stanly County Schools

CHERYL KONOPKA

Rocky River Elementary | Union County Public Schools

NORTHWEST REGION



SHEA BOLICK **Northwest Region** **Teacher of the Year**

South Caldwell High
Caldwell County Schools

- 10th–12th Grade Spanish I and II Teacher
- 22 years of teaching experience
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (BA)
- Appalachian State University (Foreign Language Certification)
- Creator of Dia de Muertos project
- Creator of Beyond the Bridge Campaign



Northwest REGION WINNERS

KATE HARRINGTON

East Alexander Middle | Alexander County Schools

BOBBY WADDELL

Glade Creek | Alleghany County Schools

NATHAN COLVARD

Ashe County High | Ashe County Schools

CHANTAE HOILMAN

Avery Middle | Avery County Schools

AMY ZITTEL

Table Rock Middle | Burke County Public Schools

HANNAH MANESS

Blackburn Elementary | Catawba County Schools

DOROTHY DALTON

Oakwood Elementary | Hickory Public Schools

KELLY PHILLIPS

Pleasant Gardens Elementary | McDowell County Schools

RACHEL HUGHES

Mitchell High | Mitchell County Schools

STEPHANIE MILLER WASHINGTON

Newton-Conover Middle | Newton-Conover City Schools

SHANNON RICHARDSON

Mulberry Elementary | Wilkes County Schools

ERIN MCKINNEY

Blue Ridge Elementary | Yancey County Schools



RACHAEL RAY Western Region Teacher of the Year

Madison High
Madison County Schools

- 9th–12th Grade Spanish I and II Teacher
- 6 years of teaching experience
- Gardner-Webb University (BA)
- Liberty University (M.Ed. Candidate)
- Arts and Foreign Language Department Chair
- Partnership for Appalachian Girls' Education, Duke University Teaching Fellow



Western REGION WINNERS

BRIAN BILICH

Asheville High | Asheville City Schools

JENNY ZIMMERMAN

North Buncombe High | Buncombe County Schools

LEAH DOCKERY

Murphy Elementary | Cherokee County Schools

GINGER SCERRI

Hayesville Middle | Clay County Schools

LORIE WALDROUP

Robbinsville High | Graham County Schools

SALLY AUSTIN HUNDLEY

Bethel Middle | Haywood County Schools

KAREN WHITING

Glenn Marlow Elementary | Henderson County Public Schools

INGA SUTTON

Jackson County Early College | Jackson County Public Schools

MARIAH RASCATI

Iotla Valley Elementary | Macon County Schools

KELLY WELCH

Tryon Elementary | Polk County Schools

ANGEL LEDBETTER

Rutherford Early College High | Rutherford County Schools

KAREN WILLIAMS

Swain County High | Swain County Schools

JENNIFER WORLEY

Rosman Elementary | Transylvania County Schools



RYAN M. HENDERSON Charter Schools Teacher of the Year

Sugar Creek Charter
Charlotte, NC

- 9th–12th Grade Journalism and Television Broadcasting
- 12 years of teaching experience
- Rowan University (BA)
- National Board Certified
- Director of the Wildcat Daily News
- Beginning Teacher Mentor



Charter Schools REGION WINNERS

HEATHER M. BURROWS

ArtSpace Charter | Swannanoa, NC

GINA W. LUNSFORD

Bethel Hill Charter | Roxboro, NC

LINDA C. AUTRY

Bonnie Cone Classical Academy |
Huntersville, NC

ERICA JONES

Carolina Charter Academy |
Angier, NC

JASON CHEEK

Clover Garden | Burlington, NC

TAKIRA L. MURPHY

Envision Science Academy |
Wake Forest, NC

LAYNE LONG

Lake Lure Classical Academy |
Lake Lure, NC

DYLAN SCARINGELLI

Lake Norman Charter Middle |
Huntersville, NC

TRISHA AMOS

Lincoln Charter | Denver, NC

DEANNA BRANCACCIO

North Carolina Virtual Academy |
Durham, NC

WENDY PAYNTER SHORT

Oxford Preparatory | Oxford, NC

KIM EROH

Pine Lake Preparatory |
Mooresville, NC

CINDY D. MILLER

River Mill Academy | Burlington, NC

JILL CLAYTON

Roxboro Community | Roxboro, NC

ERICA WALKER

Socrates Academy | Charlotte, NC

RHONDA L. WILLOUGHBY

Southeastern Academy |
Lumberton, NC

MELISSA GRIGGS

The Capitol Encore Academy |
Fayetteville, NC

ELIZABETH FARMER

Uwharrie Charter Academy |
Asheboro, NC

KELLY MEADOWS DIXON

Vance Charter | Henderson, NC

LAUREN COPLEY

Voyager Academy | Durham, NC

2022 REGIONAL FINALISTS



**LEAH
CARPER**

**Piedmont-Triad Region
Teacher of the Year**

Northern Guilford High
Guilford County Schools



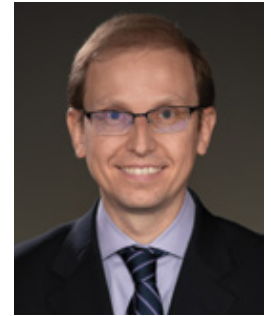
CLINTON TODD

Northeast Region Teacher of the Year
J.H. Rose High
Pitt County Schools



ABBEY NOBLES

Southeast Region Teacher of the Year
New Hanover High
New Hanover County Schools



BRIAN LINK

North Central Region Teacher of the Year
East Chapel Hill High
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools



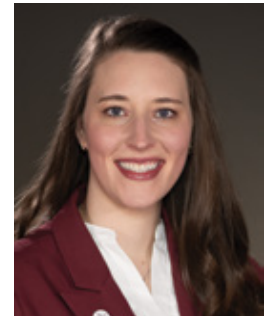
ELIZABETH SANTAMOUR

Sandhills Region Teacher of the Year
East Hoke Middle
Hoke County Schools



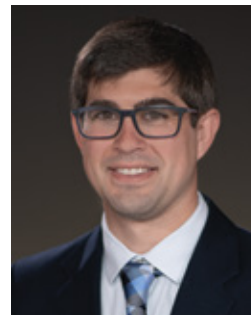
ASHTYN BERRY

Southwest Region Teacher of the Year
W.R. Odell Elementary
Cabarrus County Schools



ASHLEY BANDY

Northwest Region Teacher of the Year
Newton-Conover High
Newton-Conover City Schools



RYAN MITCHELL

Western Region Teacher of the Year
Mills River Elementary
Henderson County Public Schools



KEEGAN STORRS

Charter Schools Teacher of the Year
Roxboro Community School
Roxboro, NC

PAST WINNERS

2022 Leah Carper, Guilford County Schools, English II, High School

2021 Eugenia Floyd, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, 4th Grade

2020 Maureen Stover, Cumberland County Schools, Biology, 9th-10th grade, "National Finalist"

2019 Mariah Morris, Moore County Schools, 2nd Grade

2018 Freebird McKinney, Alamance-Burlington Schools, History/Philosophy, High School

2017 Lisa Godwin, Onslow County Schools, Kindergarten

2016 Bobbie J. Cavnar, Gaston County Schools, English/Journalism, High School

2015 Keana C. Triplett, Ashe County Schools, English, High School

2014 James E. Ford, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, World History, High School

2013 Karyn Collie Dickerson, Guilford County Schools, English, High School

2012 Darcy Grimes, Watauga County Schools, 3rd Grade

2011 Tyronna Hooker, Alamance-Burlington Schools, EC Inclusion, Grades 6-8

2010 Jennifer J. Facciolini, Sampson County Schools, Social Studies, High School

2009 Jessica Garner, Union County Public Schools, Spanish, High School

2008 Cindi Rigsbee, Orange County Schools, Reading, Middle School, "National Finalist"

2007 James Bell, Edenton-Chowan Public Schools, Language Arts, 8th Grade

2006 Diana Beasley, Hickory City Schools, Biology, High School

2005 Wendy Miller, Craven County Schools, Grades K-2

2004 Lizbeth Alfaro, Catawba County Schools, ESL, Grades K-6

2003 Allison Ormond, Rockingham County Schools, Language Arts/Social Studies, 7th Grade

2002 Melissa Bartlett, Iredell-Statesville Schools, English, High School, "National Finalist"

2001 Carmen Wilson, Ashe County Schools, Mathematics, High School

2000 Laura Bilbro-Berry, Beaufort County Schools, 2nd Grade

1999 Kimberly H. Hughes, Wake County Schools, Kindergarten

1998 Rebecca O. Hoyle, Onslow County Schools, Music, Grades K-5

1997 Julian L. Coggins, Jr., Cabarrus County Schools, Science, High School

1996 Richard Scott Griffin, Gaston County Schools, 5th Grade

1995 Vernestine Kent Taylor, Wilson County Schools, Mathematics, High School

1994 Sandra C. Wells, Asheville City Schools, (Buncombe Co.), Team Teacher, 1st & 4th Grades

1993 Sarah M. Pratt, McDowell County Schools, English/Social Studies, High School, "National Hall of Fame Winner"

1992 Dixie F. Abernathy, Gaston County Schools, Science, Junior High School

1991 Annie Pegram, Durham City Schools, (Durham Co.), 1st Grade

1990 Louis Gottlieb, Granville County Schools, Science, High School

1989 Sandra Davis Rogers, Rowan County Schools, 1st-3rd Grades

1988 Merv Sessoms, Haywood County Schools, English, High School

1987 Cynthia B. Zeger-Ostherhus, Salisbury City Schools, (Rowan Co.), Mathematics, High School

1986 Donna H. Oliver, Burlington City Schools, (Alamance Co.), Science, High School, "National Winner"

1985 Pamela F. Brewer, Person County Schools, English/Journalism, High School

1984 Phillip R. Dail, Wake County Schools, Science, High School

1983 Jean Paul Powell, Clinton City Schools, (Sampson Co.), English, 12th Grade

1982 James Jerome Williams, Burke County Schools, Music, High School

1981 Penelope Sue Smith, Asheboro City Schools, (Randolph Co.), Humanities, High School

1980 Linda Lee, Burlington City Schools, (Alamance Co.), English, High School

1979 Jo Ann Payne Norris, Wake County Schools, 1st Grade

1978 Ruth P. Watkins, Richmond County Schools, Social Studies, High School

1977 Ted Scott Henson, Vance County Schools, Language Arts/Social Studies, 5th Grade

1976 Ruby Murchison, Fayetteville City Schools, (Cumberland Co.), Language Arts/Social Studies, 7th Grade, "National Winner"

1975 Herman L. Forbes, High Point City Schools, (Guilford Co.), 6th Grade

1974 Frances A. Kiser, Cleveland County Schools, English, High School

1973 Sarah E. Spivey, Raleigh City Schools, (Wake Co.), 4th-5th Grade, "National Finalist"

1972 James M. "Jay" Rogers, Durham City Schools, (Durham Co.), American History/Black Studies, High School, "National Winner"

1971 Genella Allison, Hickory City Schools, (Catawba Co.), English/Journalism, High School

1970 John McFadden, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, 6th Grade, "National Finalist"



I love taking the opportunity to curate curiosity. Students need the space and permission to explore ideas that are new to them. Finding information and staying curious creates lifelong learning skills.

LEAH CARPER

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