



November 16, 2021

Memo from Superintendent,
John Stratton

In The Loop

BONUS & SALARY UPDATE / Status Report

District Bonuses

Premium Bonus: In appreciation for the tremendous effort of staff during 2020-21, the Hernando School Board approved the \$1,000 *Premium Bonus* (using coronavirus relief funds) to **all** staff who were with the district last year but who did **NOT** receive the governor's bonus. Staff who qualify for the district bonus should see funds posted to their accounts no later than Monday, November 22.

Millage Salary Increases

Today, the Board also approved the use of millage funds (approved by voters last November) to provide a salary increase for **all** staff. Those increases begin with the December 13th payroll and staff will see the salary increase noted as "Millage 1" on their pay stub. Final calculations are being determined at this time. More information will be provided soon.

MILLAGE FUNDS / Mental Health & Safety

Recognizing the importance and value of increasing player safety, the district will make a recommendation to the School Board to add Athletic Trainers to secondary schools and K8s. Using millage funds from the category of Mental Health & Safety, Athletic Trainers will be available to support school athletes. The Board will consider the proposal in December.

STAFF RECOGNITION / In the Spotlight

Media Release: HHS Principal Leechele Booker and NCTH Assistant Principal Josandra Maner have been named 2022 Leaders of the Year! Ms. Booker will be nominated from Hernando for the FLDOE *Achievement Award for Outstanding Principal* and Ms. Maner will be the nominee for the *Outstanding Assistant Principal Achievement Award* at the state level. Congratulations and good luck!

A+ Teacher - Bay News 9 - Jessica Gracy, kindergarten teacher from Deltona Elementary was recognized today as this week's A+ Teacher. She is a graduate of Springstead and is a Powell Middle and Floyd Elementary alum. Before becoming a teacher, she served in the US Navy. Well done Jessica!

HHS BSFFA - awarded a 3-star rating for the 19th straight year - the highest rating awarded to an FFA Chapter! That equates to the top 5% or 1 of 355 from the nation with 8817 FFA Chapters, nationally or top 4% in the nation.

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence - Awarded to our Finance Department - The award is the "highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management." Way to go!!!

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