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TO: All Principals

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SUBJECT: Announcement of Sumter County's 2013 Teacher of the Year

Classroom visits to the three finalists for Sumter County's 2013 Teacher of the Year took place by out-of-district administrators. Using observations, interviews, and nomination information, the reviewers accomplished the difficult task of selecting our Teacher-of-the-Year who will progress to the state level for consideration.

Congratulations to the three finalists: Nicole Duslak, Wildwood Middle High School; Lucas Mutz, Wildwood Elementary School; and Tiffany Ward, Bushnell Elementary School. All three demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and gifts to teach and inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities.

The committee selected **Nicole Duslak** to serve as Sumter's ambassador for the 2013 Teacher-of-the-Year. Her nomination packet will be forwarded to Tallahassee, where it will be reviewed to select one representative for the state.

In order to recognize the powerful impact that teachers have on the lives of young people, all school nominees for Teacher-of-the-Year will be honored on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at the district office during the Sumter County School Board meeting. At 5:00 P.M. a reception will be held and will be followed at 5:30 P.M. with the presentation of candidates by principals. Faculty members, friends, and families of the nominees are invited to join us for this occasion. We look forward to a memorable celebration.