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Freedom Federal Credit Union Supports Harford County Public Schools with \$25,000 Sponsorship



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Freedom Federal's Business Development Director, Patrice Ricciardi (Middle), celebrates honorees with Joseph Schmitz (Left), Executive Director of Middle/High School Performance and Richard Jester (Right), Fallston High School Principal.

Bel Air, MD – Freedom Federal Credit Union provided \$25,000 to Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) in support of their Annual Employee Service Recognition Program. This program recognized 494 employees who have reached 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 years of service. The annual event, which took place on May 9th at the Water's Edge Event Center, is a special occasion for 141 of those employees who are celebrating a 10+ milestone year with the school system. Their commitment is celebrated during the dinner and service awards are presented to the honorees.

Since 2013, Freedom has sponsored the HCPS Service Award Recognition Program, with the annual sponsorship used to provide honorees with a special gift of their choice.

Ms. Jean Mantegna, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources of HCPS, stated “Freedom Federal Credit Union has been an outstanding partner to the school system, and their enthusiasm to help us celebrate all of our staff, both in and outside of the classroom, is especially appreciated on an occasion like this. We are grateful for the opportunity to honor and celebrate their commitment and showcase our gratitude at this wonderful event.”

Freedom President and CEO, Mike MacPherson, remarked, “We understand the enormity of what these honorees do for our schools, whether they’re administrators, teachers, or support staff. Every day they create an experience, where students can feel empowered, safe, valued, and supported. That’s something that lasts a lifetime. We are so pleased to honor those who have made a lasting commitment, not only to our students, but to the future.”

Among the 141 honorees recognized at the May 9th event, was Pre-K teacher, Joy Richardson, from George D. Lisby Elementary School @ Hillsdale. Ms. Richardson was honored for her 50 years of service to HCPS. Prior to the banquet, Ms. Richardson was commemorated with the placement of a new street sign at the entrance to the school, now called Joy Drive.

In addition to their annual contribution to the Service Recognition Program, Freedom also provides financial education to HCPS students at all grade levels and offers HCPS staff exclusive access to the Credit Union’s Golden Apple Program.

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About Freedom Federal Credit Union

Freedom Federal Credit Union is a community-chartered federal credit union offering consumer financial services to those who live, work, volunteer, worship, attend school, or have family in Harford County. Additionally, Freedom offers a full-line of banking services for all businesses, associations, and other organizations that are based in Harford County. Freedom has been in business since 1953 and has five locations throughout Harford County. To learn more, visit freedomfcu.org

About Harford County Public Schools

The mission of the Harford County Public Schools is to promote excellence in instructional leadership and teaching and to provide facilities and instructional materials that support teaching and learning for the 21st century. The Harford County Board of Education will support this mission by fostering a climate for deliberate change and monitoring progress through measurable indicators.