

# THE BUZZ

## Congratulations



### Teacher of the Year Nominees

Jamie Viera - Browning-Pearce Elementary School  
 Jennifer Ewbank - Crescent City Jr./Sr. High School  
 Tammy Heath - E.H. Miller School  
 Melanie Clubb - Interlachen Elementary School  
 Donna Johnson - Interlachen High School  
 Jessica Arnold - James A. Long Elementary School  
 Andrea Wells - Jenkins Middle School  
 Cynthia David - Kelley Smith Elementary School  
 Michelle McCullough - Mellon Elementary School  
 Barbara Warren - Melrose Elementary School  
 Jade Hancock - Middleton-Burney Elementary School  
 KanDee Bacon - Miller Middle School  
 Gena Parkison - Moseley Elementary School  
 Kelsey Caridi - Ochwilla Elementary School  
 Esther Hartley - C.L. Overturf 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center  
 Karen Clark - Palatka High School  
 Bobbi Okesson - Price Middle School  
 Jarvis Wright - Putnam Academy of Arts & Sciences  
 Lindy Rowe - Q.I. Roberts Jr./Sr. High School

### School-Related Employee of the Year Nominees

Linda Cheatham - Browning-Pearce Elementary  
 Bernard Wright - Crescent City Jr./Sr. High School  
 Donald Lockhart - E.H. Miller School  
 Amy Sheridan - Interlachen Elementary School  
 Catherine Irizarry - Interlachen High School  
 Marilyn Johnson - James A. Long Elementary School  
 Ruth Parker - Jenkins Middle School  
 Marion Alyce Alexander - Kelley Smith Elementary School  
 Maria Herrera - Mellon Elementary School  
 Stacey Morris - Melrose Elementary School  
 Oscar Jaimes - Middleton-Burney Elementary School  
 Latina M. Hardy - Miller Middle School  
 Joann Largacci - Moseley Elementary School  
 Christine Mainville - Ochwilla Elementary School  
 Kathleen Robbins - C.L. Overturf 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center  
 Peggy Halsey - Price Middle School  
 Maurica Heisler - Putnam Academy of Arts & Sciences  
 Tammy Ward - Palatka High School  
 Tori Wormuth - Q.I. Roberts Jr./Sr. High School  
 Paula Miller - Department of Purchasing  
 Shawn Dale Goddard - Department of Maintenance  
 Greg Casey - Transportation - Central  
 Sharon Lewis - Transportation - South  
 Helene Rice - Transportation - West  
 Tracy Piscitello - District Office

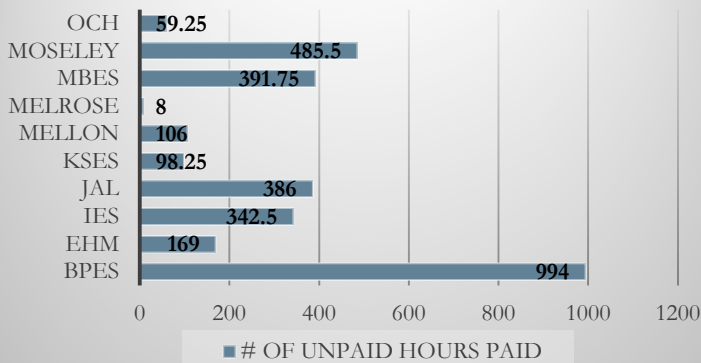


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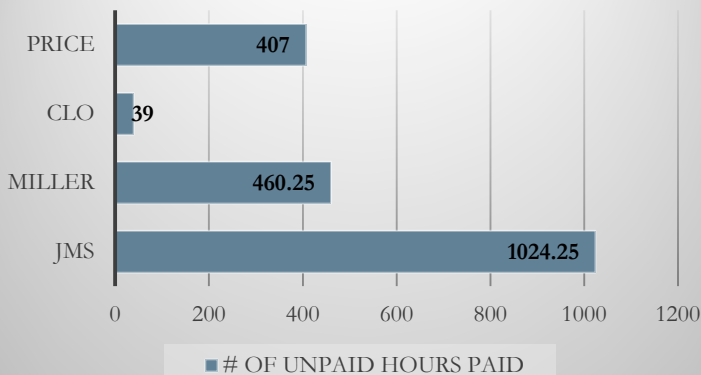
## TEACHER ABSENTEEISM AND THE IMPACT ON STUDENTS

Teacher absenteeism and the resulting employment of substitute teachers entail financial costs and an increase in educational spending. Between August 18 and December 17, 2015, there have been 4,117 absences filled with a substitute teacher. However, the long-term consequences are the possible negative impact on student learning and achievement.

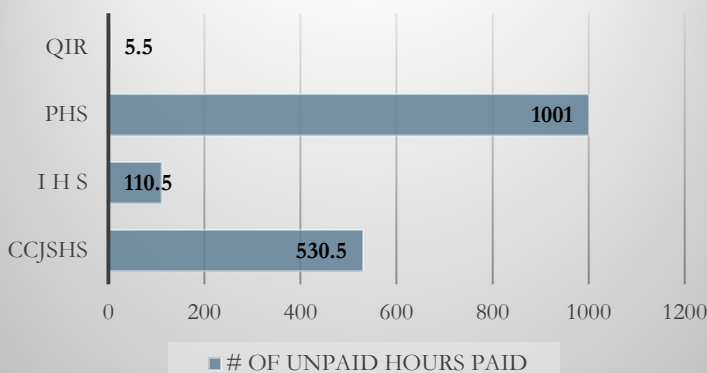
### ELEMENTARY



### MIDDLE



### HIGH



*This is the value of the teacher, who looks at a face and says there's something behind that and I want to reach that person, I want to influence that person, I want to encourage that person, I want to enrich, I want to call out that person who is behind that face, behind that color, behind that language, behind that tradition, behind that culture. I believe you can do it. I know what was done for me.*

– MAYA ANGELOU



### SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP/MEETING

The District School Board of Putnam County will meet in workshop session Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 1:30pm in the Board Meeting Room located at 200 Reid Street, Palatka, Florida.

The School Board meeting will follow at 3:30pm in the Board Meeting Room.

### STAFF SERVICES

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