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## ***Media Release***

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#### **Gardner Newman Middle School nurse is named TCSS School Nurse of the Year**

LaGrange, Ga., – May 12, 2022 – Ivy Burton is the 2021-2022 School Nurse of the Year for the Troup County School System.

Burton is a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) with 15 years nursing experience and four years as a TCSS school nurse.

Burton goes above and beyond her duties and responsibilities and is currently taking great care of students at Gardner Newman Middle School.

“I feel humbled. I'm so thankful for all my fellow school nurse's for their support and friendship, and it is truly a team effort,” said Burton.

The purpose of this recognition is to annually honor one School Nurse of the Year who has demonstrated excellence in school nursing practice and leadership in school health.

#### **Suggested Guidelines for School Nurse of the Year:**

1. Nominees should have at least two years of experience as a school nurse and is currently practicing as a school nurse.
2. More than 50% of a nominee's time should be spent in direct care.
3. Evidence of excellence in school nursing practice should be based on School Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice

Burton was announced as the School Nurse of the Year on Wednesday, May 11, which is National School Nurse Day.

“Not only do they tend to the medical needs of students, but they provide guidance and counseling for our students and families in maintaining healthy and productive lifestyles. All of this assists our teachers and staff in improving student achievement,” said Dr. Brian Shumate, Superintendent of Troup County Schools.

May 6-12 is also celebrated as National Nurses Week.

### **About Troup County School System**

Troup County School System is an accredited educational system with over 12,100 students in grades K-12. TCSS does offer a free Pre-K program at each elementary school. The system is comprised of eleven elementary schools, three middle schools, three high schools, one college and career academy, and one alternative learning center. Students within the school system are taught a rigorous and relevant curriculum that helps them make college and career choices beyond graduation and succeed in life. The system 2021 graduation rate is 85.9 percent. To learn more about the Troup County School System, visit [troup.org](http://troup.org) and the Troup County School System Facebook page.

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