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**RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY****POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION**

Tonight, the District recognizes the following individual for his outstanding achievement and contribution to the Beaverton School District and the community. The following recognition exemplifies the Pillar Excellence.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:****Oregon School Bus Driver of the Year – George Morfin**

The Oregon Pupil Transportation Association named district bus driver, George Morfin, Oregon School Bus Driver of the Year. George was also recognized early this year as an “Everyday Hero” by a student at Raleigh Park Elementary School as part of an Arts for Learning project.

George came to the District following a successful career outside of transportation. “The work ethic that he has demonstrated in his former career has carried over to bus driving. He is dedicated to kids and is always there for them. George has a *joie de vivre* (joy of life) that gives him more energy than drivers half his age. George exemplifies all of the qualities that we want in our school bus professionals; he is dedicated to kids, has an exceptional driving record, an excellent rapport with students, parents and schools, a positive outlook and a servant’s heart,” says Jane Langlois, Administrator for Transportation Services.

A parent also wrote:

“I stood as the children who ride his bus came out and got aboard. George knows all of their names, and had a personalized greeting for each child. He asked how they were, and made personal contact with each child. The children who ride with George have another adult who treats them with respect, humor, affection and care. On the way to my car, I told my son that I had been talking with George. Even though my son does not ride the bus regularly he spoke of George warmly.”

Congratulations, George, and thank you for supporting students in the Beaverton School District.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the School Board recognize George Morfin for his contributions to student success.