

SCCPSS Celebrates School Social Work Week



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SCCPSS ADVISORY:

School Social Workers Are a Beacon of Hope *National School Social Work Week Recognizes the Efforts of Social Workers*

SAVANNAH, March 5, 2021 – School social workers are a humble and hard-working group of professionals. Throughout the school year, school social workers advocate for their students, for needed services, for positive school policies and climate, and for access and equity for all. Rarely will you see school social workers advocating for themselves, promoting their work, or highlighting their contributions in schools and school communities. However, School Social Work Week is the perfect opportunity for needed advocacy for the profession and raising public awareness about the vital role they provide in schools.

The week of March 8-12, 2021 marks the celebration of School Social Work Week. Social workers throughout Savannah Chatham County Public Schools will celebrate the week with professional development and a variety of enrichment activities. This celebration will emphasize school social work contributions of focusing on the “whole child,” linking families to community resources, providing a valuable voice as part of the school’s multi-disciplinary team, and advocating for the profession of school social work. With the theme of “Beacon of Hope: School Social Workers – Lighting the Way,” social work professionals across the country will shine a light on their vital role in helping students meet the academic, social, and emotional challenges on the road to becoming successful and productive young adults. The Board of Education issued a proclamation at the board meeting March 3.

“School social workers work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves while assisting educators in understanding the lifestyles of our students and their families,” said Dr. Quentina Miller-Fields, Director of Student Affairs. “Our team is committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as they remain in school to obtain their goals.”

A list of all the professional development available to anyone wishing to participate. Please contact the district Communication office.

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