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## **Brad Fisher of Shady Spring Elementary named 2021 BCPS Office Professional of the Year**

Towson, MD – As an administrative assistant in the front office of Shady Spring Elementary School, Steven “Brad” Fisher prides himself on knowing just about everything happening at his school. On Tuesday morning, however, he had no idea that Baltimore County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams would be stopping by with other education leaders to announce that he (Fisher) is the 2021 BCPS Office Professional of the Year.

“As a former principal, I know the positive difference outstanding office professionals can make in a school,” said Supt. Williams. “Congratulations to Brad Fisher on his well-deserved honor. In highlighting his excellence, we hope to bring attention to office professionals throughout the school system.”

Fisher joined BCPS in 2012 as an office professional at Elmwood Elementary School. He moved into his current role at Shady Spring Elementary in 2018.

“Since Brad arrived, he has worn many hats at Shady Spring,” said Principal Sandra Jimenez, “like best-dressed, first smile to see in the building, and prime organizer, but some unusual roles as well, such as first responder to student and teacher needs, Black History Month schoolwide event organizer, and this year, schoolwide mailman! Brad is dedicated to all the staff and students in the building and shows his care and support daily. Brad even sponsors his own Teacher Appreciation Day for the staff.”

Jimenez also notes that Fisher frequents classrooms and makes it a point to connect with some of the school’s students. “The younger students love to see his face because they know that he will most likely be reading a special story to them,” Jimenez said. “Brad helps many staff members with his problem-

solving approach. Brad is loved and appreciated by staff, students, and parents. He also supports the ESPBC [Education Support Professionals of Baltimore County] organization and regularly presents at the annual conference. The school runs more smoothly because of him.”

In addition to Supt. Williams and Principal Jimenez, others participating in the surprise announcement were Dr. George Roberts, community superintendent, East Zone; Mildred Charley-Greene, acting chief of staff; Jane Lichter, executive director – elementary and secondary, East Zone; Jeannette Young, president, ESPBC; Joe Coughlin, vice president, ESPBC; Dianna Woodlon, chair, ESPBC Recognition and Retirement Committee; and Seleste Harris, director, UniServ.

*(Editor’s note: A photo of Fisher accompanies this release.)*

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