



2015 Phil Pickens Leadership Award Nominee

Jo Ellen Hancock

Parent Mentor, Cherokee County

««Accolades of Leadership

- *15+ years service with PTA/PTSA, created Exceptional Children's Committee at all grade levels*
- *18+ years service on School Advisory Councils*
- *Started three new councils, including Tippens (formerly GNET)*
- *Serves on Superintendents/s Special Education AdHoc Committee*
- *2015 Partners in Policymaking graduate*

««Modeling Collaboration and Partnership

- *Partnered with high school to develop a disability awareness activity for Exceptional Children's Week attended by district staff and board members*
- *Working with Central Office staff, developed/provided training for general education teachers who have students with High Functioning Autism/Asperger's*
- *Planning partnership with Georgia State Center on Leadership in Disability on mental health and DD*

««Building Home/School/Community Partnerships

- *Spearheaded separate Walk-Through night to prepare students to attend the school-wide Walk-Through with typical peers*
- *Acquired no-cost curriculum on employment readiness through US Department of Labor/ODEP which is now used in every high school in the district*
- *Provides Transition Training to families, including Coffee Chats for students with more severe disabilities*
- *Mentored staff members at Goshen Valley Boys Ranch to assist work with residents who have IEPs*
- *Facilitates MAPs and provides ASPIRE training*

««Leadership and Involvement with GaPMP

- *GaPMP Council member and Education Committee member*
- *Sunshine Fund Chairperson*
- *Provides current resources and information to GaPMP through the Learning Curve*



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