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PICKENS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL Trustey Family STEM Teaching Fellows Selected from PJHS Faculty

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Jasper, Georgia – Pickens County School District is eager to announce the selection of three teachers from Pickens Junior High School as Fellows in the 2019 cohort of the Trustey Family STEM Teaching Fellows. These teachers representing PJHS were selected as one of 9 schools in the program's fifth cohort and will join over 120 teachers from the program's first four cohorts. The teachers selected for this honor are William Gay, Daniel Johnson, and Cynthia Swisher.

The Trustey Family STEM Teaching Fellows is a competitive, three summer, two school year program that seeks to improve STEM teaching and learning for all students, especially underserved populations in STEM. Fellows will attend three Summer Institutes at the University of Notre Dame, beginning in July 2019. Throughout the school year they will receive content-specific coaching for their instructional practice and targeted support as they expand access to and opportunities for STEM learning in their school.

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. STEM education is more than a combination of titles. STEM provides opportunities to integrate the skills and knowledge of all these areas in multiple ways. Simply put, STEM education allows students to make real-life application using the knowledge they gain.

The Trustey Family STEM Teaching Fellows is sponsored by the University of Notre Dame Center for STEM Education, housed in the Institute for Educational Initiatives at the University of Notre Dame. The Center for STEM Education's mission seeks to help all students engage and excel in the STEM disciplines through research and the translation of research into practice.

This is a tremendous privilege for not only the teachers selected, but for the entire faculty and student body of PJHS.

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