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## Hebbville Elementary school counselor earns statewide Minority Recognition Award

Towson, MD – Tyshawn McGee, school counselor and chair of the family engagement committee at Hebbville Elementary School, has earned The Minority Recognition Award in Education from the Maryland State Education Association (MSEA).

The award was presented to McGee at MSEA's 2024 Racial and Social Justice Summit and 39th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, held on January 13 at the Hilton Baltimore BWI Airport. "Tyshawn understands that his role has a direct impact on student achievement," said Hebbville Principal Jordan Filderman. "He builds individual relationships with all students and ensures that they have at least one person in the school building who they can trust. He deeply believes that all students can achieve at high levels, and he breaks down social and emotional barriers that may exist so that the focus can be learning."

McGee has served as a school counselor at Hebbville for seven years. Prior to his current role, McGee spent two years as an additional adult assistant at Scholars K-8, which closed in 2016. In 2014, he graduated from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts with a degree in psychology and a minor in behavior analysis. McGee earned a master's degree in school counseling from Bowie State University in 2017.

Sponsored by MSEA's Minority Affairs Committee, the annual Minority Recognition Awards honor people of color for their leadership in public education. Awards are presented in five categories: public education, politics, leadership, community involvement, and aspiring educator.

(Editor's note: A photo of McGee can be found in a BCPS Flickr album.)

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