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Maintenance Supervisor Named Support Staff Employee of the Year

Maintenance Supervisor Bob Nissen has been named this year's Falls Church City Public Schools Support Staff Employee of the Year. Mr. Nissen received the news today along with a large balloon bouquet and personal congratulations from Superintendent Lois Berlin and a delegation of support staff and administrators at George Mason High School.

"Bob is a walking exemplar of everything that the schools stand for: integrity, devotion, compassion, understanding and hard work," GMHS English Department Chairman Michael Hoover said in his nomination letter. "The schools function much better because Bob is always there when all of us need him."

"He is a highly skilled and competent employee," FCCPS Transportation Supervisor Nancy Hendrickson said. "More importantly, he is very pleasant and easy to work with and most deserving of this award."

Mr. Nissen started working for the Falls Church City Public Schools nearly 20 years ago. He performs a variety of tasks for all of the division's schools as well as the central office. The scope of his responsibilities includes heating, air conditioning, plumbing, electricity, roofing, telephone systems, wiring for technology and room reconfigurations.

"He is easygoing, pleasant, dependable, extremely competent and an all-around good guy," George Mason Principal's Secretary Debbie Flanigan said. "His calming presence makes what we may consider an exasperating problem seem like nothing at all."

Mr. Nissen will be recognized by the Falls Church City School Board at a reception in May and will receive a cash award. The five other Support Staff of the Year nominees will also be recognized by the school board.



Support Employee of the Year, Maintenance Supervisor Bob Nissen, is surprised with a bouquet of balloons from Superintendent Lois Berlin.

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