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ECSD MEDIA ADVISORY

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ECSD Youth Motivator Mentor Program Celebrates Mentors

Mentor numbers pass 1,000!

Pensacola, FL: The Escambia County School District's Youth Motivator Mentor Program will hold an annual breakfast for mentors on **Friday, Jan. 27 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 160** of the J.E. Hall Center. The agenda includes an update on the mentor program and a chance to thank mentors for their continued support of ECSD students. Speakers will present highlights from their experiences.

An additional aspect to this year's breakfast is acknowledgment that a major milestone has been met and quickly passed. From a few hundred volunteer mentors a few years ago, the program has passed 1,000 mentors and continues to grow. This growth is thanks to employers allowing their personnel to have time on the clock to volunteer, such as Navy Federal Credit Union as well as many local military commands, and to people who have come in all by themselves or with a few friends to be trained and credentialed.

Youth Motivator Mentors are asked to meet with their student once a week. Some help with school work, but the primary goal is to give students an extra adult in their life to talk about goals and choices and education and.... life. One of the scheduled speakers spoke last year about becoming a mentor and leaving work to visit with her student each week. This year she will speak from the perspective of a first year classroom teacher.

Media are welcome to join us for this event and breakfast. We plan to post photos on Facebook on the Escambia Schools Public Relations page and video of the speakers.

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