

## **Barnwell School District 45**

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## Mr. DeWayne Eubanks is Recognized as a Champion for Children

Barnwell, S.C. {March 14, 2022} – As part of the state's efforts to assist communities with vaccinations, the South Carolina Department of Education launched *Take Your Shot*, a vaccination education initiative, in several counties across the state. The program was implemented in our area to help support local

school districts during the pandemic, encourage vaccinations for families and community members, and offer information and resources to local residents throughout Barnwell County. Mr. DeWayne Eubanks served as Barnwell County's Ambassador "In It to Win It" working alongside the South Carolina Department of Education and school districts across Barnwell County to distribute information and educate families and community members about the importance of getting vaccinated. During that time, Mr. Eubanks worked directly with MUSC to implement vaccination clinics in the school district for children ages 5 and up, as well as community members who wanted to participate.

As part of the *Healthy Warhorses* efforts, health-related books were placed in libraries across the district in honor of Mr. Eubanks. Each book's inside cover reads, "This book is dedicated to Mr. DeWayne Eubanks for his dedication and commitment to helping keep our families and our community safe during the COVID-19 pandemic."





Recently, Barnwell School District 45 presented Mr. Eubanks with a certificate of appreciation and a Warhorse Pride gift basket. Mr. Eubanks also had an opportunity to see many of the books, dedicated in his honor, which will be in the hands of children across the district.

"We deeply appreciate Mr. Eubanks being a champion for our children," said BSD45 Superintendent Crissie Stapleton. "His

dedication to the health of our children and families is applauded and appreciated, and we cannot thank

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him enough for helping make the district's local vaccination clinics a success. Parents who wanted to have their children vaccinated were provided with that option because of his efforts." Mr. Eubanks' motto remains, "Protect yourself and others." BSD45 will continue working with Mr. Eubanks in the coming months to provide additional vaccination options to families within the district, as well as those beyond.

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