

2017-18 MCSPA School Psychologist of the Year:
Jodi Ward



It is an honor to recognize one of our outstanding colleagues, Jodi Ward, for MCSPA School Psychologist of the Year. Mrs. Ward has been practicing school psychology for 14 years with MCPS, after serving as a special educator in Baltimore City Schools for 6 years. The glowing recommendations provided by her colleagues demonstrate that she exemplifies the professional qualities of our occupation. She provides a comprehensive range of services to her school including group counseling, consultation, and collaborating with staff on a variety of academic and behavioral challenges. Mrs. Ward also serves as her school's PBIS coach and has taken on a leadership role in MCPS by spearheading the rollout of Q-Interactive, an online platform for cognitive assessments. A colleague notes that she has worked "tirelessly to help support all of her colleagues through this process." Her colleague also writes that her "positivity and supportive nature are clear to anyone who had the honor of working with her." Mrs. Ward's principal describes her as an "invaluable member of the school team" and states, "The active role she plays in our school contributes to its success in addressing the varied needs of all students and her support of teachers and fellow psychologists ensures that her influence reaches beyond the walls" of her school. Mrs. Ward is truly an exemplary colleague and a valuable asset to Montgomery County Public Schools.