

Kathy Conte

MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARD

In honor of Ms. Conte, LCS students, please take a moment to nominate a teacher who you believe has made a difference in your life. The winner will receive a \$1,000 gift on behalf of GRACE Education Consulting and the LCS Community!

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Ms. Conte was a Lexington City School (LCS) teacher for 38 years. During her tenure, she positively impacted the lives of many children and families, including mine. When I was in Ms. Conte's fourth-grade classroom at Dunbar, my parents had to drop me off early to get to work on time. Ms. Conte was very accommodating and always pleasant. Instead of being stressed about the situation and making me sit and wait until school started, she let me help her prepare for the school day by making copies, setting up the classroom, and getting things together for our Friday celebration! One may think I would be a favorite because I spent a little more time with her, but she still held me accountable as a student and treated me the same as my peers. It would have been easy for her to make me feel like a burden, but she chose to do the opposite, which makes her special! As a child, having a sense of belonging, feeling included and validated is essential to your growth. In school, teachers are the ones who make that happen. Ms. Conte was one of the few teachers who made me feel special, and as a result, I would like to give back in her honor. We recently lost Ms. Conte, but she will forever live in our hearts.

In her honor, GRACE Education Consulting is starting an award where a teacher will be acknowledged and gifted \$1,000 annually for making a difference in the life of a LCS student. In addition to honoring Ms. Conte, this award will help with teacher retention. With all that happens in society, we must continue to uplift and support our educators, as we want them to inspire and support our youth. Students/families will nominate a teacher, and a committee of neutral individuals will review the applications and provide a list of the top 5 nominees. Donors will be asked to vote for their choice; from there, the committee will select a winner. The winner will be announced at the school year's end and acknowledged and presented with the \$1,000 check during the Back to School Breakfast. Lauren Hargrave, the owner of GRACE Education Consulting, has already donated \$500 to get this started. If you would like to contribute, please send money via Cash App (\$doctorlady) or cash and checks can be provided directly to Lauren Hargrave by emailing graceachievers@gmail.com. Also, to be acknowledged and receive a donation letter, email graceachievers@gmail.com. Your participation and donations are greatly appreciated! If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at graceacheivers@gmail.com.