From the start of my career, to having my own children and watching them grow through their educational journey, to leading our school from “Academic Watch” to a “Level A” accountability rating, each step along the way has shown me one thing that we all need – a CHAMPION. An amazing educator, Rita Pearson, once said... "Every student needs a champion, an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connections and insists they become the best they can possibly be.” Not only do our students need a CHAMPION, but educators need CHAMPIONS as well! We need to be surrounded by those who will encourage us, inspire us, keep us going when times are challenging, and celebrate our failures and successes with us. In turn, we need to be that for others. To my fellow educator, never forget that you are strong, innovative, valuable, talented, inspiring, creative, unique, and priceless! Rally around your students and fellow colleagues to be the CHAMPION that they need and deserve! The field of education is a beautiful place to partner with others and make a powerful difference in the world around us.