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Stoneleigh Elementary School teacher to present doctoral dissertation research at national conference

Towson, Md. – Kelli Hickey, a Grade 4 teacher at Stoneleigh Elementary School, has been selected by the American Educational Research Association (AERA) to present her doctoral dissertation research study at the annual AERA Conference, to be held in Chicago, April 13-16.

Approximately 11,000 candidates applied to present their research at the conference. Being selected is a prestigious honor.

Participating in a Baltimore County Public Schools' cohort with Notre Dame of Maryland University, Hickey recently completed her dissertation research, which analyzes how K-12 teachers perceive the importance of and the frequency with which they implement practices associated with culturally relevant pedagogy. This mixed-method approach of quantitative and qualitative studies focuses on culturally relevant pedagogy's third prong: developing students' sociopolitical consciousness.

Hickey is in her 18th year with BCPS and is pursuing a doctorate in instructional leadership for changing populations. In addition, she serves on TABCO's Board of Directors for District II.

AERA is the primary association in interdisciplinary research committed to the scientific exploration of education and learning.

(Editor's note: A photo of [Hickey](#) can be found on Flickr.)

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