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Mr. Z Featured in Utrust Video

Maury City School Custodian Zerafin Guardian (Mr. Z) is featured in a new video just released statewide. The video will be shown to students across the state as part of the celebration of Custodian Appreciation Day.

The video uses a wrestling theme and Mr. Z is cast as an undefeated champion known as the "Germinator" who battles germs, dirt and odors. He protects students and maintains his championship by "tapping out germs, knocking out odor and smacking down dirt." His fans are the students and staff at Maury City School.

Mr. Z was chosen in a statewide search for custodians who go above and beyond the call of duty. The video was produced by Utrust, a statewide organization that sponsors the school Employee Appreciation Program. The program aims to develop student leadership and develop an attitude of gratitude in students while recognizing and expressing appreciation to school employees. Principal Melissa Glenn who nominated Guardian says in the video: "He goes above and beyond anything we ask him to do. Anything we ask him to do, he does with a smile."

"We were very impressed with Mr. Guardian's attitude and his work. We have some outstanding custodians in our schools but he is clearly one of our state's best," said Dr. Dan Tollett, Utrust Administrator. "It's gratifying to see that the administration, the staff and the students all recognize Mr. Z's value to the school and appreciate that he makes the school a better place for the staff to work and students to learn," he continued.

Jasper Taylor, Crockett County Board Chairman, said, "The board is proud of Mr. Guardian for being selected for this honor. We are looking forward to recognizing all of our custodians on Custodian Appreciation Day and expressing appreciation to them for keeping our schools clean and attractive." Taylor is also one of seven school board members statewide who govern Utrust. Crockett County will be honoring other employee groups throughout the school year.

The video also includes Asst. Principal Katie Spence, teachers Camille Nanney and Kendra Locke, Assistant Director of County Schools P.A. Pratt, and several Maury City students. The video may be viewed at:

<http://www.tnuct.com/videosNEW.php?id=78>

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