Agenda Request Form

Cherokee County School District

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
September 19, 2019	A-9

Title

Proclamation Recognizing September as National Attendance Awareness Month

Requested Action

School Board Approval of Proclamation Recognizing September as National Attendance Awareness Month

Summary Explanation and Background

According to the U.S. Department of Education, more than 6.5 million students missed 15 or more days - almost a full month - of school during the 2013-14 academic year. During that school year, students were chronically absent in every state, and nearly 500 school districts reported that 30 percent or more of their students missed at least three weeks of school.

While the School District maintains strong overall student attendance rates (+96% average daily attendance over the past ten years), the attendance of every student every day is critically important to their individual success, as well as the overall continued high performance of the School District and the Cherokee County community at large.

The Georgia Department of Education is calling upon Superintendents of Schools and School Boards to make the promotion of attendance a priority through its support of National Attendance Awareness Month, which is observed in September.

In addition to this proclamation, the School District will be promoting the month in the community through its various communications platforms.

Major System Priority

Improving Student Achievement

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

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Board Action	Source of Additional Information
(For Official School Board Records Only)	Dr. Brian V. Hightower 770.479.1871 Barabra Jacoby 770.479.1871

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Approved in Open Board Meeting on: _____
(Date)

By: _____
(School Board Chairman)

Initialized: 3/3/99
Revised: 2/1/16

National Attendance Awareness Month 2019

Whereas, September is observed as National Attendance Awareness Month to support a growing national movement of school leaders looking beyond average daily attendance and truancy numbers to identify and address the challenges that keep students from getting to school every day; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper for the Cherokee County School District to observe this month as a continuation of its focus on continuously increasing student achievement; and

Whereas, adoption of a proclamation, along with other promotion by the Cherokee County School District, will raise awareness of the importance of every student attending school every day;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Cherokee County School Board, do hereby proclaim September as National Attendance Awareness Month in the Cherokee County School District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Cherokee County School District to be affixed on this nineteenth day of September in the year two thousand nineteen.

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Kyla Cromer, School Board Chair

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Dr. Brian V. Hightower, Superintendent of Schools