Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
November 21, 2019	A-7

Title

Recognition of Cherokee County School District VILLA Program Class of 2019 Participants

Requested Action

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Summary Explanation and Background

The Cherokee County School District's third annual VILLA Program, which encourages and celebrates parent engagement, concludes with class graduation tonight!

The parent academy program began two years ago in CCSD as a pilot initiative developed with the Georgia School Boards Association and with the support of Cherokee County School Board Chair Kyla Cromer, who championed the idea during her re-election campaign. In response to the program's popularity, this fall, for the first time, a morning session and an evening session were offered to expand enrollment.

VILLA (Volunteer Instructional Leadership Learning Academy) is a free six-week program that offers participants the opportunity to learn more about the public schools in their community. Topics including school operations, governance, funding and accountability are covered in classes that include presentations by CCSD staff and question-and-answer sessions with the School Board and Superintendent of Schools, as well as a field trip to schools.

Costs associated with the program are funded through the generous sponsorship of Credit Union of Georgia, a CCSD Partner. Class size is limited, with participants selected by application (the 2020 application window will begin in May); classes are held in the fall and culminate with graduation at the School Board's November meeting.

Priority Area

Family, Partner and Community Engagement

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

List of VILLA Class of 2019 Participants

Source of Additional Information

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2019 VILLA CLASS

Kari Armstrong
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Nicole Balejcsik
Dina Beeler
Jennifer Benns
Kim Beumel
Julie Carter
Bonnie Clark
Heather Crachi
Ashley Nettles Davey
Lynn Epps
Ashley Frey
Scott Grayson
Suzy Griffies
Amanda Griffin
Antoniqua Harris
Michelle Jones
Amy Kuleszynski
Alicia Lakhansingh
Heather Lawless
Audrey Legrand
Bob McNally
Angela Milko
Patricia Mwisa-Okoth
Kelly Nagel
Staci Powell
James Pugh, Jr.
Kathy Sanders
Chanda Schwab
Megan Sparger
Scott Steinbrenner
Heather Stray
Anna Tang
Erin Thomas
Jennifer Ward
Tara Watkins
Heather Zambrano