Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
May 20, 2021	B-1

Title

Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Governance Team of the Year Award

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Approval to Apply for Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Governance Team of the Year Award

Summary Explanation and Background

Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) officials have invited the School Board and Superintendent of Schools to apply for the Governance Team of the Year Award. As such, as part of the application process, the School Board is requested to approve submittal of an application to the GSBA Board Development Department. Submission deadline is July 15, 2021.

This prestigious award honors the top board and superintendent teams in three size categories based on student population, who have achieved all-around success in their school system. Cherokee County Board of Education and School District (CCSD) would be eligible for the "Large" System Award. Previous winners include Gwinnett County Public Schools, Forsyth County Schools and Fayette County Public Schools. This honor is deeply rooted in the components of the Georgia Vision Project's research-based recommendations for Georgia's public schools, which CCSD utilized in 2019 while developing its Five-Year Strategic Plan, Blueprint.

Priority Area

Organizational and Operational Effectiveness

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

GSBA FY21 Criteria

Source of Additional Information

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GSBA Governance Team of the Year

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The Georgia Vision Project promotes effective governance and leadership of our school systems through its research and strategic recommendations on best practices. The Governance Team of the Year Award is presented to the local school system Board/Superintendent team that best demonstrates its commitment to maximizing student achievement and enhancing trust and support for public education in their community.

- **Awards banquet on Wednesday evening, December 1, 2021** in connection with the GSBA/GSSA Annual Conference which begins the next day.
    - Attending this banquet are the finalists for Governance Team of the Year based on the applications received and the scoring results.
    - The Governance Teams of the Year will be announced at this banquet.
    - The districts named Governance Team of the Year are not eligible to apply for this recognition for the next 3 years.
- **Eligibility Criteria:**
    - Eligibility is based on the school district CCRPI score for 2019. Districts with a score of 75.9 or better are eligible to apply for this award.
    - Three winners will be named (one in each of the categories below)
        - Small 1 – 3,000 Enrollment
        - Medium 3,001 – 10,000 Enrollment
        - Large > 10,000 Enrollment
- **Application Deadline is July 15, 2021**
- **Application Verification:**
    - Verification of the application and data provided will be confirmed by an outside consultant.
- **Rating Criteria:**
    - Governance Teams will apply, and their applications rated on rubrics developed that are aligned with the seven components of the Georgia Vision Project plus an additional component on communications and messaging.
    - Ratings of the applications are scored by a national team with expertise in school board governance.

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