Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
October 21, 2021	A-3

Title

Recognition of Avery Elementary School Staff for Life-Saving Actions

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of Avery Elementary School Staff for Life-Saving Actions

Summary Explanation and Background

The staff of Avery Elementary School on Sept. 28 responded to a student emergency with life-saving actions. Kindergartner Aidan Anderson, son of CCSD teachers Shaina and Jeffrey Anderson, experienced a cardiac event in class. He had no history of medical issues.

Teacher Cammie Sheffield and paraprofessional Martina Kennel quickly took action to assist Aidan and seek help. As first-responders made their way to the school, school counselor Kathy McNamara and Assistant Principal Matt Harper administered CPR and school nurse Sandra McFarland used an AED to resuscitate Aidan. School counselor Angel Jane and Assistant Principal Ginger Morgan supported the effort by taking over Ms. Sheffield's class, calming students and staff and clearing hallways for first-responders.

Aidan started breathing again at the school and was transported to the hospital, where he was treated and later released. His mother shared with the school staff that, according to the paramedics, Aidan's life was saved by the school staff's response. Principal Dr. Lisa Turner, who was at District training at the time of the emergency, praised her staff for their professionalism and leadership.

Classmate Hudson Dalton also is to be commended for running to a neighboring classroom to alert another teacher to the emergency.

Priority Area

Quality Workforce

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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