Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
August 18, 2022	A-1

Title

Recognition of Etowah High School Air Force Junior ROTC Lt. Col. (Retired) Stephen Bergey Named 2022 Overall AFJROTC Instructor of the Year

Requested Action

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Summary Explanation and Background

Etowah High School Air Force Junior ROTC Lt. Col. (Retired) Stephen Bergey was selected as the best out of more than 1,900 AFJROTC instructors worldwide.

This honor follows several prestigious recognitions recently earned by Etowah High School's AFJROTC program. Lt. Col. Bergey was lead instructor for the program, which was supported by fellow instructor Technical Sgt. (Retired) Ciarra Malto.

The program, last school year, earned an overall unit assessment score of Exceeds Standards, the highest rating available. Only one time prior in its 27-year history has Etowah's JROTC earned this elite score, which ranks the program in the top 12% worldwide. The accomplishment gave the program the opportunity to retain Honor Unit status for three years and to nominate five students a year for appointment consideration at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Lt. Col. Bergey also recently tapped to develop an Air Force National Championship for the JROTC Raider competition program, and the school was awarded a $10,000 drone with infrared capability and other special features.

CCSD offers military Junior ROTC citizenship, leadership and service programs at all of its traditional high schools. These Career Pathway classes and associated extra-curricular programs offer students valuable career and life skills.

Priority Area

Positive Culture and Climate; Quality Workforce

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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