Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

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Title

Recognition of Indian Knoll Elementary School and Liberty Elementary School -- National Character Education Award Winners

Requested Action

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Summary Explanation and Background

Indian Knoll Elementary School recently earned its first national character education award, and Liberty Elementary School has earned two more!

Both schools have been honored with Promising Practices Awards by Character.org, a national nonprofit organization that promotes developing positive character among students. Indian Knoll ES and Liberty ES are two of only 152 schools honored nationwide and only four in Georgia.

Indian Knoll ES earned the honor for its “Core Values Cultivate a Culture of Caring” initiative, through which students completed various service learning projects. The school's core values, which share the same initials as its name, are Individuality, Kindness, Excellence and Service. The school uses a “house” system to create six teams of students and teachers, each with a combination of grade levels, that work together on positive behavior and specific goals throughout the year. For the “Core Values Cultivate a Culture of Caring” initiative, each house developed its own service project last school year to focus on a community need.

Liberty ES, a multi-year honoree, earned two Promising Practices Awards for its "Adopt a Grandparent for Valentine's Day" program, which encourages students to become pen pals with residents of a local senior living community, and its "Friends Club - Adaptive PE Helpers" initiative, allowing AIM students to volunteer during adaptive PE classes for students with special needs; the volunteer students also assisted Liberty students who participated in the CCSD Special Olympic Awareness Day games.

Priority Area

Family, Partner and Community Engagement; Positive Culture and Climate

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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