



# Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
November 17, 2022	A-3

Title
Recognition of Cherokee County School District VILLA Program Class of 2022-23 Participants
Requested Action
School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District VILLA Program Class of 2022-23 Participants
Summary Explanation and Background
<p>The Cherokee County School District's VILLA Program, which encourages and celebrates parent engagement, concludes with class graduation tonight!</p> <p>The parent academy program began five 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. Following a two-year hiatus, and in response to the program's popularity, the VILLA program returned this fall.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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; classes are held in the fall and culminate with graduation at the School Board's November meeting.</p>
Priority Area
Family, Partner and Community Engagement
Financial Impact
N/A
Exhibits: (List)
List of VILLA Class of 2022-23 Participants
Source of Additional Information
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**2022-23 VILLA CLASS**

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Amina Borrero

Kimberly Brown

Jessica Buckner

Lori Burton

Sarah Burton

Celeste Charleston

Christine Clark

Yvonne Conforti

Nicole Ellery

Leanne Etienne

Alejandra Labra

Caroline Masak

Maggie Orozco Tolbert

Brenda Page

Mariela Perez

Stephanie Portman

Kristin Rollins

Helen Searcy

Catherine Shook

Sarah Thomason