Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
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Title

Recognition of Cherokee County School District's School Nutrition Program -- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Silver Turnip the Beet Award

Requested Action

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Summary Explanation and Background

The Cherokee County School District again has earned national honors for its School Nutrition summer meals program!

The school district every summer participates in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Seamless Summer Option, which offers free meals to children in need during the summer. The outstanding quality of CCSD's program earned the USDA's Silver Turnip the Beet Award for the second consecutive year. CCSD School Nutrition is one of only 98 school districts nationwide to earn the honor.

Dr. Hightower praised Tina Farmer, executive director for CCSD School Nutrition, and her leadership team of Toni Hedges, Trang Pham, Mark Johnson and Jessica Emmett for their efforts to continuously improve meals and service.

To earn the award, which CCSD School Nutrition now has earned four times since the national program's establishment, school districts must demonstrate the highest standards in meal preparation and delivery. Meals must be “appetizing, appealing, and nutritious,” meet national dietary guidelines, and include “local foods, a variety of vegetables and fruit, whole grains, and low-fat and fat-free milk.”

The program is funded by USDA grants and community donations.

Priority Area

Organizational and Operational Effectiveness; Positive Culture and Climate

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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