

CCSD SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER BUDGET PRIORITIES

FY2019

Operating Budget Considerations

- ☐ Continue to maintain 180 instructional days for students; **CONTINUED**
- ☐ Continue to reduce class size relative to classes remaining at or lower than state maximum size standards; **MODIFIED**
- ☐ Continue to support the financial integrity and standing (as evidenced by improvements in CCSD's credit rating) by providing and maintaining adequate budget reserves, reducing the reliance on short-/long-term debt at a continued or increased rate and reducing the current local property tax millage rate; **MODIFIED**
- ☐ Continue to attract and retain the best teachers, principals and support staff by offering reasonably priced healthcare options, competitive compensation and flexible employment models when appropriate; **MODIFIED**
- ☐ Continue support for the Academies initiative and investigating other potential alternative/innovative school programming models that provide effective, research-based alternative academic and career paths for students...and, expanding formal STEM/STEAM offerings to MS/HS; **MODIFIED**
- ☐ Research, explore and develop a pilot program to expand the typical school day in ES or MS to allow longer class periods, more time between classes, proper lunch, gym/PE and elective options. Measure this school's performance over time vs. the traditional school day; **CONTINUED**
- ☐ Continue to provide for additional "workforce ready" educational pathways and/or pathway awareness for students who do not want to attend college or the military through expanding CTAE offerings, counseling support and parent engagement; **MODIFIED**
- ☐ Continue to explore additional practices to aid teacher performance (i.e., adding assistant principals to complete evaluations, remediation, coaching, follow-up and support; utilizing support staff and paraprofessionals to assist in classrooms; decreasing paperwork and administrative duties, etc.); **MODIFIED**
- ☐ Continue to fund/provide for school activities and programs. **NEW**
- ☐ Continue to explore expansion of CTAE-based agriculture pathway labs (shops, greenhouses, etc.) at identified schools; **NEW**

ED-SPLOST Budget Considerations

- ☐ Continue to provide, maintain, and improve access to technology for the classroom, students, teachers, and support staff; **CONTINUED**
- ☐ Expand the 1:1 computer initiative to all other middle schools; **CONTINUED**
- ☐ Continue to investigate options/fund special research related to dealing with overcrowding at all CCSD schools; **CONTINUED**
- ☐ Develop a plan that will assist with recent CCSD action to temporarily disperse Canton ES students and take the Canton ES facility into the Cherokee HS footprint. **NEW**
 - Plan for a replacement Canton ES;
 - Plan a HS complex in North Cherokee (possible CTAE Academy/Magnet);
 - Plan major upgrade/renovation of the existing Cherokee HS