Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

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Title

Recognition of Cherokee County School District Teacher of the Year -- Lara McDonald, Etowah High School

Requested Action

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Summary Explanation and Background

The Cherokee County School District saluted educators last month at the 2023 Legacy Makers: CCSD Teachers of the Year Celebration.

The Legacy Makers event held at the Northside Hospital Cherokee Conference Center in Canton honored the Teacher of the Year for every CCSD school, including four finalists who were announced in February. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian V. Hightower opened an envelope at the event's conclusion to announce that Etowah High School teacher Lara McDonald is the 2023 CCSD Teacher of the Year!

Ms. McDonald, a 13-year educator who teaches environmental science including AP classes, will advance as CCSD's nominee for the Georgia Teacher of the Year competition. She is known for her creative engaging lessons and sponsorship of numerous after-school clubs that further extend her support for students.

The Finalists and CCSD Teacher of the Year are selected by a panel of community leaders who evaluate applications from each school's Teacher of the Year; school winners are selected by their peers.

Priority Area

Positive Culture and Climate; Quality Workforce

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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