Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
August 17, 2023	A-12

Title

Approval of Cherokee County School District's Renewal of Partnership Agreements

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve the Cherokee County School District's Renewal of Partnership Agreements

Summary Explanation and Background

One of the School Board's Blueprint 2020-24 Five Priority Areas is increasing meaningful family, partner and community engagement. We believe the meaningful connections we forge with students, families and community partners positively influence how we teach, lead and prepare graduates for success in a knowledge-based, technology rich and culturally diverse world.

The School Board is requested to consider the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the partnership agreements with Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service/4-H Environmental Education and Upper Etowah River Alliance.

Priority Area

Family, Partner and Community Engagement

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

Partnership Agreements

Source of Additional Information

Dr. Brian V. Hightower	770.479.1871
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PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

GAMMA ETA CHAPTER

This agreement entered into on this 17th of August, 20~~17~~23, by and between the Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Gamma ~~ETA~~ Eta Chapter, hereinafter referred to as "Delta Kappa Gamma."

WHEREAS, the School Board's mission is to educate the emerging generation through learning environments designed to increase the performance of all students; and,

WHEREAS, one of the School ~~Board's Major System Priorities is to increase parental and community involvement through public engagement policies and practices that treat parents, businesses, community-based organizations and agencies, local institutions of higher learning and other public entities as true partners in the educational process~~ District's Priority Areas is Family, Partner and Community Engagement, and,

WHEREAS, the mission of Delta Kappa Gamma is to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education; and,

WHEREAS, the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma are:

• To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship;

• To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education;

• To advance the professional interest and position of women in education;

• To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interest of education and of women educators;

• To endow scholarships and aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowship to women educators from other countries;

• To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action; and,

• To inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

WHEREAS, the Gamma ETA Chapter wishes to support Cherokee County Schools, both students and educators, by providing a scholarship, educator recognition, and support for special projects.

Now therefore in consideration of the covenants and conditions set forth herein the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

The parties agree that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference:

ARTICLE II

The School Board will:

1. Distribute information to school principals regarding Delta Kappa Gamma's "Outstanding Educator Award."

2. Allow use of appropriate technology for meetings. ~~for a member to maintain a website linked to the Delta Kappa Gamma homepage.~~

3. Endorse Delta Kappa Gamma sponsored activities and provide the use of system facilities for quarterly meetings and the "Outstanding Educator Award Ceremony."

4. Allow use of copier for Delta Kappa Gamma materials. The society will provide the paper.

ARTICLE III

Delta Kappa Gamma will:

1. Abide by the rules and regulations contained in the Community Use of System Facilities Policy (KG), including custodial and supervisory fees when applicable.

2. CCSD teachers are selected by their peers each year to be honored by the Gamma ETA Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma at the Golden Apple Award Ceremony. Every third year, each CCSD school selects an honoree based upon exemplary characteristics and excellence in teaching.

3. Annually, one CCSD high school senior is awarded a monetary scholarship from Gamma ~~ETA~~ Eta Chapter. The student, who is an aspiring educator, is selected by ~~the school's faculty~~ the DKG Scholarship Committee based upon the student's promise in the field of education. ~~(A rotation is in place to determine the high school each year.)~~ The application is open to all CCSD Seniors planning to major in Education.

4. Provide judges for school system events such as the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl, Science Fair, Social Science Fair and Young Georgia Writing Exposition.

5. Support ~~literacy~~ projects in the schools.

6. Accept all children/interested participants for participation within its programs without regard to their gender, race, political affiliation, age, national origin or handicapping condition or any other discrimination recognized and prohibited by State or Federal Law. Children/participants with handicaps must be provided all necessary levels of supervision and must be included within the activities of the partnering organization. As a result of this partnership agreement, Delta Kappa Gamma must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this contract is August 17, 20~~17~~23 through August 17, 20~~18~~23. This contract shall automatically renew for additional terms not to exceed five years unless either party notifies the other at least 60 days prior to renewal date.

ARTICLE V

This contract may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party with or without cause. All notice of this contract shall be given to the Superintendent of Cherokee County Schools at ~~110 Academy Street~~ PO Box 769, Canton, Georgia 301~~14~~69 and to Delta Kappa Gamma, P.O. Box 142, Canton, GA 30169.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this document the first date referred to herein.

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DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, GAMMA ETA CHAPTER

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President

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Kyla Cromer, Chairman

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Dr. Brian V. Hightower
Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

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Abby Roach, Esquire

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL

This agreement entered into this ~~17th of August, 2017~~ 17th day of August, 2023 by and between the Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, hereinafter referred to as "JDRF."

WHEREAS, the School Board's mission is to educate the emerging generation through learning environments designed to increase the performance of all students; and,

WHEREAS, one of the School ~~Board's Major System Priorities is to increase parental and community involvement through public engagement policies and practices that treat parents, businesses, community-based organizations and agencies, local institutions of higher learning and other public entities as true partners in the educational process~~ District's Priority Areas is Family, Partner and Community Engagement; and,

WHEREAS, the mission of JDRF is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research. In America, 35 Children are diagnosed with diabetes every day. To stay alive, kids with Juvenile Diabetes must get at least two insulin shots a day or wear an insulin pump. They must also check their blood sugar by pricking their fingers for blood six or more times a day.

Now, therefore in consideration of the covenants and conditions set forth herein the parties agree to as follows.

ARTICLE I

The parties agree that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

ARTICLE II

The School Board will:

1. Encourage all Cherokee County schools to participate in JDRF programs.

2. Provide a school coordinator at each interested school site to work in conjunction with JDRF employees to implement aforementioned programs.

ARTICLE III

JDRF will:

1. Conduct an interview with the principal of each interested school prior to and after the use of the program (JDRF Staff or Volunteer).

2. Abide by the rules and regulations contained in the School Board's SOLICITATION BY STUDENTS Policy (JK3/KEBB), that prohibits students in grades eight or lower from participating in door-to-door sales.

3. Deliver all materials to participating school sites – This includes a "how-to kit", paper sneakers, balloons, posters, etc.

4. Provide an in-service to coordinators, teachers and administrators on how to incorporate all areas of the curriculum to make the program a school-wide event (JDRF Staff or Volunteer).

5. Provide sample incentives to be displayed several weeks before the event and additional brochures and posters to use in the classroom.

6. Provide all materials and incentives to ensure a successful event.

7. Provide an on-call representative to assist with any questions or concerns.

8. Accept all children/interested participants for participation within its programs without regard to their gender, race, political affiliation, age, national origin or handicapping condition or any other discrimination recognized and prohibited by State or Federal Law. Children/participants with handicaps must be provided all necessary levels of supervision and must be included within the activities of the partnering organization. As a result of this partnership agreement, JDRF must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this contract is ~~August 17, 2017 through August 17, 2018~~ August 17, 2023 through August 17, 2024. This contract shall automatically renew for additional terms not to exceed five years unless either party notifies the other at least 60 days prior to renewal date.

ARTICLE V

This contract may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party with or without cause. All notice of this contract shall be given to the Superintendent of Cherokee County Schools at ~~110 Academy Street~~ PO Box 769, Canton, Georgia 301~~14~~69 and to JDRF, Georgia Chapter, ~~400 Perimeter Center Terrace, Suite 750, Atlanta, GA 30346~~ 3525 Piedmont Road N.E., Building 5, Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia 30305.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this document the first date referred to herein.

JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL

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Brett Mangum, Director of Development

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Kyla Cromer, Chairman

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Dr. Brian V. Hightower

Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

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Abby Roach, Esquire

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION SERVICE/4-H ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

This agreement entered into on this 17th day of August, 20~~17~~23, by and between the Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service, hereinafter referred to as "UGA Cooperative Extension."

WHEREAS, the School Board's mission is to educate the emerging generation through learning environments designed to increase the performance of all students; and,

WHEREAS, one of the School ~~Board's Major System Priorities is to increase parental and community involvement through public engagement policies and practices that treat parents, businesses, community-based organizations and agencies, local institutions of higher learning and other public entities as true partners in the educational process~~ District's Priority Areas is Family, Partner and Community Engagement; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the University of Georgia 4-H Environmental Education program is to utilize the "out of doors" as a dynamic living laboratory for academic study; and,

WHEREAS, the primary core of the program is the residential experience where school groups, typically ~~third through eighth grades~~ fourth through twelfth grades, come to the center to extend the walls of their classroom by studying a variety of interdisciplinary subjects including, math, science, language arts, history, physical education and social studies in the outdoor classroom; and,

WHEREAS, curricula designed for the program are research based and keyed to the Georgia State Department of Education Quality Core Curriculum (QCC); and,

WHEREAS, testing of program participants reveals higher student achievement and a student more responsive to learning. Findings show that students retain 40% of material presented during field study experiences.

Now therefore in consideration of the covenants and conditions set forth herein the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

The parties agree that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference:

ARTICLE II

The School Board will:

1. Identify and communicate, as permitted by School Board policy, resources available through the UGA Cooperative Extension Service and recognize residential environmental education experiences.

2. Encourage and support participation in the program offerings.

3. Provide a school sponsor at each facility to assist with communication and program materials distribution.

4. Provide the opportunity to present program information to teachers and administrators at selected meetings annually.

ARTICLE III

UGA Cooperative Extension Service will:

1. Provide residential environmental education experiences for a variety of school groups and outreach programs for younger audiences and during winter months.

2. Provide a program overview for teachers and administrators for appropriate grade levels as requested.

3. Provide field observation opportunities for teachers and administrators on professional development days.

4. Pursue grant opportunities, in conjunction with the School Board's Office of Advanced Academic Programs/Grants Management, that would serve to enrich both parties' programs.

5. Accept all children/interested participants for participation within its programs without regard to their gender, race, political affiliation, age, national origin or handicapping condition or any other discrimination recognized and prohibited by State or Federal Law. Children/participants with handicaps must be provided all necessary levels of supervision and must be included within the activities of the partnering organization. As a result of

this partnership agreement, UGA Cooperative Extension Service must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this contract is August 17, 20~~17~~23 through August 17, 20~~18~~24. This contract shall automatically renew for additional terms not to exceed five years unless either party notifies the other at least 60 days prior to renewal date.

ARTICLE V

This contract may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party with or without cause. All notice of this contract shall be given to the Superintendent of Cherokee County Schools at ~~110 Academy Street~~ PO Box 769, Canton, Georgia 301~~1~~469 and to the Educational Program Specialist, University of Georgia College and Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Cooperative Extension Service, 350 Rock Eagle Road, Eatonton, GA 31024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this document the first date referred to herein.

THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE/4-H ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

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Ashley Witcher, County Extension Coordinator/4-H Agent

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Josh Fuder, Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Kyla Cromer, Chairman

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Dr. Brian V. Hightower

Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

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Abby Roach, Esquire

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

UPPER ETOWAH RIVER ALLIANCE

This agreement entered into on this 17th of August, 20~~17~~23 by and between the Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board," and Upper Etowah River Alliance hereinafter referred to as the "Alliance,"

WHEREAS, the School Board's mission is to educate the emerging generation through learning environments designed to increase the performance of all students; and,

WHEREAS, one of the School ~~Board's Major System Priorities is to increase parental and community involvement through public engagement policies and practices that treat parents, businesses, community-based organizations and agencies, local institutions of higher learning and other public entities as true partners in the educational process~~ District's Priority Areas is Family, Partner and Community Engagement; and,

WHEREAS, the Alliance is a non-profit organization, founded in 1998, dedicated to the protection of the Etowah River watershed through education and assistance and is composed of local citizens who care about their streams and rivers, conservation groups and representatives from local, State and Federal governments; and,

WHEREAS, the Etowah River basin and watershed courses through five north Georgia counties and is home to 7~~6~~7 different species of freshwater fish and numerous species of freshwater snails, insects, crayfish and more; and,

WHEREAS, the Alliance and, The Nature Conservancy's Georgia Chapter, World Wildlife Fund and other partners are working closely in the Etowah watershed to protect natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, the Alliance is working to involve students by disseminating information and knowledge about the river basin and providing training to enable many to monitor the quality of our streams within the watershed through the Georgia Adopt-A-Stream program.

Now therefore in consideration of the covenants and conditions set forth herein the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

The parties agree that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

ARTICLE II

The School Board will:

1. Give the Alliance the means to disseminate literature relative to its programs (Adopt A Stream and Clean Water Week) to the schools through existing communication channels, as permitted by School Board policy.

2. Pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interests.

3. Discuss the feasibility and advisability of implementing projects, such as streambank restoration, vegetated bioswales, porous pavement, bioretention areas in parking lots and/or constructed wetlands to treat stormwater runoff that could be designed to also function as an outdoor classroom, with The Alliance and the other above-listed partners.

ARTICLE III

The Alliance will:

1. Provide hands-on programs to interested Cherokee County School District (CCSD) teachers and students relative to watershed protection efforts along the Etowah River (including the history of the Etowah River, the importance of clean water, biological diversity and pollution prevention).

2. Provide training workshops with interested teachers and students relative to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's Adopt-A-Stream program (including, but not limited to: delineating the watershed, threats that can degrade water resources, chemical monitoring of a stream or other water body and biological monitoring of waters).

3. Discuss the feasibility and advisability of implementing projects, such as streambank restoration, vegetated bioswales, porous pavement, bioretention areas in parking lots and/or a constructed wetland to treat stormwater runoff that could be designed to also function as an outdoor classroom, with the Office of Support Services and Facilities/Construction Management.

4. Abide by School Board Policy KIB Special Interests Materials Distribution and guidelines in this regard when requesting dissemination of program information.

5. Pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interests.

6. Accept all children/interested participants for participation within its programs without regard to their gender, race, political affiliation, age, national origin or handicapping condition or any other discrimination recognized and prohibited by State or Federal Law. Children/participants with handicaps must be provided all necessary levels of supervision and must be included within the activities of the partnering organization. As a result of this partnership agreement, the Alliance must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this document the first date referred to herein.

UPPER ETOWAH RIVER ALLIANCE

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Jane Graves, Chairwoman

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Kyla Cromer, Chairman

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Dr. Brian V. Hightower

Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

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Abby Roach, Esquire