Cherokee County School District

# Agenda Request Form

| Meeting Date | Agenda Item Number |
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| July 18, 2024 | Recognition Item 1 |

## Title

FFA National Teacher Ambassador

## Requested Action

School Board Recognition of Etowah High School Teacher Ashley Rivers -- FFA National Teacher Ambassador

## Summary Explanation and Background

Etowah High School teacher Ashley Rivers, who leads the school's successful Career Pathway agriculture program, is an FFA National Teacher Ambassador. Only 64 teachers nationwide were selected for this honor.

The ambassador program offers the nation's top agriculture teachers the opportunity to share their best practices with fellow educators from across the country and receive additional professional development. They serve as the “leaders, mentors and trainers” for the more than 10,000 teachers who serve as FFA chapter advisors nationwide.

Ms. Rivers, an 18-year educator, leads Etowah's Career Pathway agriculture programs which she has grown to include both Plant and Floral Design Systems and Companion Animal Systems. She serves as Etowah's FFA chapter advisor and, this past school year, the chapter earned the national 2023 3 Star Chapter award, the highest rating awarded, and a national Grants for Growing award. She also has earned numerous previous honors as an educator including the Georgia Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association's Outstanding Educator Award and twice winning the Georgia Farm Bureau's First District Young Farmer Excellence in Agriculture Award.

## Financial Impact

N/A

## Exhibits: (List)

N/A

## Source of Additional Information

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