



Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
August 15, 2024	Recognition Item 4

Title

School Nutrition - Turnip the Beet Award

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of CCSD Office of Financial Management School Nutrition Program -- Turnip the Beet Award Recipient

Summary Explanation and Background

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

The school district every summer participates in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Seamless Summer Option, which offers free meals to children, from infants to age 18, during the summer. The excellence of CCSD's program earned the USDA's Silver Turnip the Beet Award – only 140 school districts nationwide including 18 from Georgia earned the national honor.

To earn the honor, school districts must demonstrate the highest standards in meal quality and customer service. 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.

Thirty-seven percent of CCSD students qualify for free or reduced-price meals, and the summer meals program provides continued access to nutritious breakfasts and lunches throughout the summer break. Students do not have to qualify for free or reduced-price meals to receive free meals over summer break.

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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