Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
September 12, 2024	Recognition Item 1

Title

Little River ES -- National PTA School of Excellence Award

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of Little River ES -- Winner of National PTA School of Excellence Award

Summary Explanation and Background

Little River Elementary School has been named a winner of the National PTA School of Excellence award. The two-year title recognizes successful partnerships between local PTAs and schools to make schools more welcoming to all families and to offer more opportunities for families to support students.

Little River ES, led by Principal Joni Adams, is among only 319 schools nationwide and only 16 schools from Georgia honored with this recognition. To be considered for this honor, a school and its PTA unit must commit to working together to set and meet year-long goals for improving family engagement.

The designations were earned through efforts over the past year by the PTA and school leadership. Last year's PTA leadership team was made up of: Co-Presidents Susan Byberg and Magida Habib-Gonzalez, Vice Presidents Kristina Gambino and Vivian Gaviria, Secretary Christina Albertus and Treasurer Kristin Winzeler. The co-presidents, secretary and treasurer are continuing in the same roles this school year, joined by new Vice Presidents Kajal Zechariah and Jennifer Ugolick and Corresponding Secretary Kelsey Geist.

Last school year, the PTA board surveyed parents to identify needs for Little River ES families. Based on the survey results, three programs were successfully implemented: a Coffee Talk with Principals, Multi-Cultural Night and summer break resources. Principal Adams said the survey was again sent to parents at the end of the school year “to ensure a strengthened partnership between the school and families.”

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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