



# Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
November 21, 2024	Recognition Item 5

**Title**  
VILLA Program Class of 2024-25 Participants

**Requested Action**  
School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District VILLA Program Class of 2024-25 Participants

**Summary Explanation and Background**

The Cherokee County School District's VILLA Program, which encourages and celebrates parent engagement, concludes with class graduation tonight!

The parent academy program began seven years ago in CCSD as a pilot initiative developed with the Georgia School Boards Association and with the support of Cherokee County School Board Chair Kyla Cromer, who championed the idea.

VILLA (Volunteer Instructional Leadership Learning Academy) is a free seven-week program that offers participants the opportunity to learn more about the public schools in their community. Topics including school operations, governance, funding and accountability are covered in classes that include presentations by CCSD staff and question-and-answer sessions with the School Board and Superintendent of Schools, as well as a field trip to schools.

Costs associated with the program are funded through the generous sponsorship of Credit Union of Georgia, a CCSD Partner. Class size is limited, with participants selected by application; classes are held in the fall and culminate with graduation at the School Board's November meeting.

**Financial Impact**  
N/A

**Exhibits: (List)**  
List of VILLA Class of 2024-25 Participants

**Source of Additional Information**

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## 2024-25 VILLA PARTICIPANTS

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Rebecca Isaacs  
Christina Kincade  
Dawn Lewis  
Christopher Masak  
Megan Morgan  
Susan Parker  
Stephanie Quarles  
Debbie Rabjohn  
Diana Ruslin  
Sara Samson  
Whitney Spear  
Lisa Stonebraker  
Donna Stott