Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
December 12, 2024	Action Item 1

Title

Renewal of Partnership Agreements

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Renewal of Partnership Agreements

Summary Explanation and Background

The Superintendent recommends renewal of partnership agreements with Cherokee County Educational Foundation, Life University and Woodstock Arts.

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

Partnership agreements

Source of Additional Information

Mary Elizabeth Davis, PhD	770.479.1871
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PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

CHEROKEE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

This agreement entered into on this ~~13th day of December, 2018~~ 12th day of December, 2024 by and between the Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and Cherokee County Educational Foundation hereinafter referred to as "CCEF."

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; and,~~

WHEREAS, the mission of CCEF is to support students and staff of the School District by promoting teaching and learning and celebrating achievements; and,

WHEREAS, CCEF seeks funding and resources to enrich Cherokee County School District schools in areas not fully funded in the regular school 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. Serve in ~~four~~ three ex-officio roles on CCEF's 'Board of Directors: School Board Chairman, ~~School Board Vice Chairman,~~ Superintendent of Schools (or designee) and Chief Financial Officer (or designee).

2. Recognize CCEF as a School-Allied entity for Facility Use and Special Interest Materials Distribution purposes.

3. Provide the use of and access to CCSD office space, equipment, supplies and other resources ~~in the Office of Public Information, Communications and Partnerships~~.

4. Provide meeting space in CCSD schools and offices, as needed.

5. Provide a link on the School District website to CCEF's website.

6. Provide a School District voicemail mailbox for receipt of CCEF messages.

7. Promote CCEF programs and events through existing communication channels, as permitted by School Board Policy, including the posting of notices on the online Virtual Community Bulletin Board.

8. Allow a countywide payroll deduction option for donations to CCEF, with the assurance of both parties of maintaining employee confidentiality.

9. Provide the opportunity for a CCEF representative to speak at the Superintendent's annual opening of school year ~~Administrative Workshop~~ Leadership Symposium and Principals Leadership Meetings.

10. Provide the opportunity for School District employees to work cooperatively with CCEF to hold special fundraising events in schools, including the annual awareness T-shirt campaign, and the community.

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

12. Promote CCEF programs and events through existing communication channels, as permitted by School Board policy.

ARTICLE III

CCEF will:

1. Provide financial support to the School District through sponsorship of educational programs and grants to schools, teachers, staff and students.

2. Abide by the rules and regulations contained in the Community Use of System Facilities Policy (KG).

3. Maintain employee confidentiality in regard to payroll deductions made as donations to CCEF.

4. Provide a CCEF representative to speak at the annual ~~Administrative Workshop~~ Leadership Symposium and Principals Leadership Meetings.

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, CCEF must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this contract is ~~December 13, 2018 through December 13, 2019~~ December 12, 2024 through December 12, 2025. 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 PO Box 769, Canton, Georgia 30169, and to Cherokee County Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 4754, Canton, Georgia 30114.

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

CHEROKEE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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Billy Hayes, President

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Kevin Williams, Vice President

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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By: Kyla Cromer, Chairman

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By: Mary Elizabeth Davis, PhD

Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

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Abby Roach, Esquire

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

LIFE UNIVERSITY

This agreement entered into on this ~~15th day of November 2018~~ 12th day of December, 2024 by and between the Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and Life University.

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; and,~~

WHEREAS, Life University is the leader in vitalistic healthcare education and strives to empower its students to succeed both professionally and personally based on its vitalistic philosophy; and,

WHEREAS, Life University's Eight Core Proficiencies further students' dedication to personal integrity, and provide a cornerstone for professional success, social contribution and cultural change; and,

WHEREAS, Life University's philosophical approach is its guiding principle of Lasting Purpose: To Give, To Do, To Love, To Serve – Out of a Sense of Abundance, which recognizes that everyone – student, faculty and staff alike – has a duty to share their individual gifts with the world; and,

WHEREAS, Life University also fosters students' commitment to their full potential and peak performance in their educational pursuits and future professional lives through healthy habits that create a flourishing world community.

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. Work with Life University to develop a CCSD STEM Day through which select CCSD students would visit the Life campus for a day of STEM learning led by Life University staff and a CCSD Healthcare Science Career Pathways Day through which select CCSD high school students would visit the Life campus for a day of career exploration led by Life University staff.

2. Explore apprenticeship, internship and dual enrollment program opportunities for CCSD students at Life University.

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

4. Pursue joint professional development opportunities in both parties' best interests.

5. Promote Life University programs and events for CCSD students, employees and families through existing communication channels, as permitted by School Board policy.

ARTICLE III

Life University will:

1. Work with CCSD to develop a CCSD STEM Day through which select CCSD students would visit the Life campus for a day of STEM learning led by Life University staff and a CCSD Healthcare Science Career Pathways Day through which select CCSD high school students would visit the Life campus for a day of career exploration led by Life University staff.

2. Explore apprenticeship, internship and dual enrollment program opportunities for CCSD students at Life University.

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

4. Pursue joint professional development opportunities in both parties' best interests.

5. Provide Life University speakers and instructors, when available, for Career Days and STEM activities at CCSD schools.

~~6. Provide Life University staff, when available, to serve as mentors and presentation review board members for high school Senior Capstone Projects.~~

7. Share opportunities on the Life University campus, such as the Annual Run of the Lights and Dog Days, through which CCSD students could earn community service hours including to fulfill requirements for extra-curricular clubs.

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, Life University must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this agreement is ~~November 15, 2018 through November 15, 2019~~ December 12, 2024 through December 12, 2025. This agreement 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 agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party with or without cause. All notice of this agreement shall be given to the Superintendent of Cherokee County Schools at P.O. Box 769, Canton, Georgia 30169, and to the President of Life University, 1269 Barclay Cir, Marietta, GA 30060.

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

LIFE UNIVERSITY

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Dr. Rob Scott, President

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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By: Kyla Cromer, Chairman

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By: Mary Elizabeth Davis, PhD

Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

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Abby Roach, Esquire

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

~~ELM STREET CULTURAL ARTS VILLAGE~~ WOODSTOCK ARTS

This agreement entered into on this ~~18th day of October, 2018~~ 12th day of December, 2024 by and between the Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and ~~The Elm Street Cultural Arts Village~~ Woodstock Arts. ~~hereinafter referred to as "Elm Street."~~

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; and,~~

WHEREAS, ~~Elm Street's~~ Woodstock Arts' purpose is engaging community with fresh relevant arts experiences every day through arts education, live performances and historic preservation providing a creative outlet for all ages; and,

WHEREAS, ~~Elm Street~~ Woodstock Arts has provided ongoing arts support and programming to the School Board for more than ~~five~~ 10 years.

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. Promote ~~Elm Street~~ Woodstock Arts programs and events through existing communication channels via online and print materials, as permitted by School Board policy, specifically the promotion of ~~Elm Street~~ camps and classes, ~~Main Stage~~ performances, audition announcements, field trips, and other family friendly events~~ at Elm Street~~.

2. ~~Upon Elm Street's request, give email access to contact teachers as well as any changes and/or updates at the start of each academic year.~~ The CCSD fine arts coordinator will serve as a liaison ~~and/or point of contact will be delegated as needed~~ to share Woodstock Arts' information with fine arts teachers.

3. Proclaim, promote, and celebrate March as Theatre in Our Schools Month.

4. Explore professional development opportunities in both parties' best interests, including student and teacher workshops in the performing arts.

5. Pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interests by exploring opportunities for arts collaboration.

ARTICLE III

~~Elm Street~~ Woodstock Arts will:

1. Continue to provide judges for Young Authors Fair, Governor's Honors, Speech Contests, Reflections program, One-Act Play competitions, talent shows, and other arts-related activities.

2. Partner with schools, drama programs, and drama program shows to provide specific workshops, lessons, etc.

3. Continue to bring the RepTouR Troupe into any School District school that requests performances for two shows on the same day at no cost to the school, as funding allows. Additional performances required by the school will be provided by ~~Elm Street~~ Woodstock Arts at a low cost.

4. Continue to provide speakers and instructors for Career Days and Cultural Arts Days.

6. Continue to offer field trips at ~~Elm Street~~ Woodstock Arts for minimal cost for literature-based and other Main Stage performances.

7. Provide printed and online materials for promotion and distribution, as permitted by School Board policy.

~~8. Continue to mentor as many as six students per school year for their Senior Projects with the students provided by participating schools.~~

9. Provide internship opportunities to qualified high school seniors.

10. Provide character actors to visit schools in collaboration with reading and literacy initiatives.

11. Support arts integration in schools with ~~Elm Street~~ Woodstock Arts volunteers and materials such as costumes and props at minimal or no cost.

12. Explore professional development opportunities in both parties' best interests.

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

14. 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, ~~Elm Street~~ Woodstock Arts must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this agreement is ~~October 17, 2024 through October 17, 2025~~ December, 12 2024 through December 12, 2025. This agreement 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 agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party with or without cause. All notice of this agreement shall be given to the Superintendent of Cherokee County Schools at PO Box 769, Canton, Georgia 30169, and to ~~Elm Street~~ Woodstock Arts at 8534 Main Street, Woodstock, Georgia 30188.

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

WOODSTOCK ARTS

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By: Christopher Brazelton, Executive Director

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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By: Kyla Cromer, Chairman

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By: Mary Elizabeth Davis, PhD.

Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

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Abby Roach, Esquire