



# Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
December 12, 2024	Recognition Item 4

**Title**  
Recognition of REACH Georgia Scholar Winners

**Requested Action**  
School Board Recognition of REACH Georgia Scholar Winners

**Summary Explanation and Background**

The Cherokee County School District is celebrating its new class of REACH Georgia Scholars!

REACH Georgia is the state's first needs-based mentorship and college scholarship program for middle and high school students. This is CCSD's third year of participation thanks to the support of the Cherokee County Educational Foundation.

Four eighth-graders from CCSD middle schools have been selected as this year's REACH Georgia scholars: Sara Chance of Mill Creek MS; Farrah Fascitelli of Teasley MS; Fernanda Hernandez of Woodstock MS; and Leila Morris of Dean Rusk MS.

First launched from Georgia Tech in 2012, the REACH program is designed to encourage students to persist in their educational goals and interests. As part of Georgia's Complete College initiative, REACH seeks to identify rising eighth-grade students who display academic promise and provide them with the academic, social and financial support they will need to graduate from high school, attend and complete college.

REACH Scholars who complete the program requirements receive up to \$10,000 in scholarship dollars at a HOPE eligible University System of Georgia, Technical College System of Georgia or a private postsecondary institution within Georgia. The program requires students, in addition to meeting eligibility requirements, to also meet specific expectations for academic achievement, attendance, behavior and participation in academic coaching and mentorship meetings.

**Financial Impact**  
N/A

**Exhibits: (List)**  
N/A

**Source of Additional Information**

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