Agenda Request Form

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December 12, 2024	Recognition Item 3

Title

School Nutrition Program - Farm to School Award

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of CCSD School Nutrition Program -- Farm to School Award

Summary Explanation and Background

The Cherokee County School District has again earned a top state honor for serving farm-fresh meals to students!

CCSD's School Nutrition program, which serves 5 million meals annually, won the Georgia Farm to School Award from the Georgia Department of Education School Nutrition Division. CCSD School Nutrition has earned the award, previously known as the Golden Radish Award, every year since the program was established in 2014. Only 42 of Georgia's 159 school districts received the award this fall.

The award honors school nutrition programs that excel in providing fresh, locally grown produce and ingredients in meals; promoting the importance of farm to school food sourcing; and participating in school garden projects. Award criteria was developed by the Georgia Department of Education School Nutrition Division, Georgia Department of Agriculture, University of Georgia Extension and Georgia Department of Public Health.

CCSD Executive Director of School Nutrition and Procurement Services Tina Farmer and CCSD Culinary Specialist Jessica Emmett, who oversees the school district's farm to school initiative, recently were honored by Georgia Superintendent of Schools Richard Woods and other state leaders.

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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