Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
March 20, 2025	Action Item 7

Title

Renewal of Partnership Agreement

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Renewal of a Partnership Agreement with Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University

Summary Explanation and Background

The Superintendent recommends renewal of the partnership agreement with Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University.

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

Partnership agreement

Source of Additional Information

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PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

WINSHIP CANCER INSTITUTE OF EMORY UNIVERSITY

This agreement entered into on this ~~15th day of June, 2023~~ 20th day of March, 2025 by and between The Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and Emory Winship Cancer Institute, hereinafter referred to as "Winship."

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 District's Priority Areas is Family, Partner and Community Engagement; and,~~

WHEREAS, Winship is Georgia's only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center and serves as the coordinating center for cancer research, education and care throughout Emory University; and,

WHEREAS, Winship is committed to helping develop the resources of Georgia in addition to serving the nation by advancing science, technology, preparedness and awareness of community-based cancer issues; and,

WHEREAS, Winship is dedicated to promoting a more diverse future STEM and biomedical workforce by partnering with school districts to provide opportunities for students that supplement school districts' STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) programming, to include, but not be limited to, learning about cancer and cell biology, data sciences, cancer research and strategies, as well as linking hands-on learning with academics; and,

WHEREAS, Winship supports providing students with greater access and success in higher education through interactions with Emory faculty and undergraduate and graduate student mentors.

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. Coordinate CCSD's Middle School Summer STEM Camp with Winship by providing camp location, lunch and teacher facilitators; promoting the camp and recruiting student participants; and conducts student registration.~~

1. Coordinate CCSD's ~~High School Summer STEM Academy~~ National Cancer Institute (NCI) GA YES (Youth Enjoy Science) Program with Winship by promoting ~~the camp~~ this program and recruiting student participants; recruiting CCSD teacher chaperones to supervise student participants during ~~event hours (including~~ the bus ride to and from Winship each day~~)~~; providing a CCSD school bus and recruiting a CCSD driver to drive to and from Winship for student participants daily.

~~3. Coordinate interactive STEM field trips for CCSD students to Winship and the Emory campus including recruiting groups to participate, providing teacher chaperones and arranging student transportation.~~

~~4. Coordinate visits to CCSD classes by guest STEM speakers from Winship.~~

2. Assist with recruitment of one CCSD Principal and two to participate in the GA YES program Advisory Committee, which monitors the evaluation and progress of the grant and gives feedback to the Winship Principal Investigators.

3. Share Winship-sponsored activities and programs for students through existing communication channels, as permitted by School Board policy, including the posting of notices on the online community bulletin board.

4. Explore/pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interest.

ARTICLE III

Winship will:

~~1. Support CCSD's Middle School Summer STEM Camp by providing curriculum, instructional materials, and facilitators (researchers, undergraduate and graduate students).~~

1. Support CCSD's ~~High School Summer STEM Academy~~ NCI GA YES (Youth Enjoy Science) Program by providing ~~camp programming~~, program curriculum and program components, student research project materials, ~~facilitators~~ faculty research mentors, locations on

Emory University campus, lunch for participants, near-peer mentors, coordinating registration, selection process, and communication of ~~camp~~ program details with participants and family members; providing funding for bus transportation, for ~~two~~ one weekly teacher chaperone~~s~~ (hourly rates for each full day, including transportation time and per diem) and for a CCSD school bus and driver for time to and from the Winship campus from Cherokee County each day.

~~3. Provide interactive STEM field trips for CCSD students to Winship and the Emory campus.~~

~~4. Provide guest STEM speakers for CCSD classes.~~

2. Provide NCI GA Yes (Youth Enjoy Science) participants additional career and educational development mentorship by offering three additional virtual workshops throughout the academic school year related to college preparation and professional development for STEM careers.

3. Explore/pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interest.

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

ARTICLE IV

The term of this agreement is ~~June 15, 2023 through June 15, 2024~~ March 20, 2025 through March 20, 2026. 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

Should funding provided by the National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, that supports this program be modified or terminated, the GA-YES program and this agreement will also require to be modified or terminated.

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 ~~Dr. Adam Marcus~~ Dr. Theresa Gillespie at Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University at 1365C Clifton Road, 4th floor, Administration Suite, Atlanta, GA 30322, as attachment to tgilles@emory.edu.

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

WINSHIP CANCER INSTITUTE OF EMORY UNIVERSITY

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By: Dr. Theresa Gillespie, M-Principal Investigator

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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By: Janet Read Welch, Chairman

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By: Mary Elizabeth Davis, PhD
Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

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Abby Roach, Esquire