Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
March 20, 2025	Action Item 6

Title

Georgia Department of Education Resolution Relative to the School District's Five-Year Facility Plan

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Adopt the Georgia Department of Education Resolution indicating approval of the School District's Five-Year Facility Plan for Capital Outlay Projects

Summary Explanation and Background

See attached Resolution, Executive Summary, and Survey Team report

Financial Impact

Organizational and Operational Effectiveness

Exhibits: (List)

State Capital Outlay Entitlement Funding

Source of Additional Information

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RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cherokee County Board of Education (Board) to hereby approve the new Five-Year Local Facilities Plan (Plan) as recommended by the Facilities Survey Team and the Superintendent.

IN ADOPTING THE PLAN, the Board agrees with its contents and priorities, and requests State Board of Education approval.

FURTHERMORE, the Board directs that the Plan will provide facility guidance for the school system over the life of the Plan in accordance with the Georgia Board of Education Rule 160-5-4-01.

APPROVED, by the Cherokee County Board of Education on this ____ day of March 2025.

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Mary Elizabeth Davis, PhD, Superintendent
Cherokee County School District

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Janet Read Welch, School Board Chair
Cherokee County School District

Cherokee County School District
Five-Year Facility Plan
Executive Summary
07.01.2025-06.30.2029

Cherokee County School District's (CCSD's) Five-Year Facility Plan is based upon its long-range student enrollment projections that are categorized into elementary, middle, and high school levels, as well as by individual grade levels. This facility plan reflects the District's dedication to provide state-of-the-art educational facilities to meet not only the educational needs, but also the social and emotional development needs of all current and future students.

During the past 24 years of continued student population growth, CCSD has met these needs by implementing a very aggressive construction program focusing on providing new facilities when and where needed. Moving forward, CCSD's Five-Year Facility Plan goals will continue to be accomplished through a combination of new facility construction in growth areas of the county, modifications/renovations/additions to existing facilities, and replacement/repurposing of aging facilities. Grade configuration and programmatic changes to facilities will also be utilized if the educational needs of students cannot be resolved through utilization of one of its prescribed capital improvements measures.

Critical information provided in the Five-Year Facility Plan includes identified, districtwide "System Needs" and the existing Instructional Units (IUs) for each school. Ultimately, CCSD's goal is to match the total number of IU's with the total student enrollment during the Five-Year Plan period. Additionally, the "Total Need" for each CCSD facility is determined following an architectural review of every facility, which examines the facility age and any need for modifications or renovations. Ultimately, the "Earning Entitlement" is based on the age and condition of the facility. Local costs are not contained in the State's formula or its Capital Outlay program.

Pursuant to the State's Five-Year Facility Plan approval process, CCSD's plan has been reviewed by Georgia Department of Education staff in addition to being endorsed by a visiting survey team (comprised of State/area School District Capital Improvements Department leaders) on February 26, 2025. The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the proposed Five-Year Facility Plan, followed by a staff submission to the Georgia State Board of Education for final approval. Following final approval, CCSD's Annual Capital Outlay Budget and the upcoming Ed-SPLOST related project list will be developed from information contained within the Five-Year Facility plan.