Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
July 24, 2025	Action Item 5

Title

Partnership Agreements

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to (1) Approve the New Partnership Agreement with Cherokee Youth Foundation (CYF) and (2) Approve the Renewal of Partnership Agreements with The Marine Corps League and Walden University

Summary Explanation and Background

The School Board is requested to consider the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the partnership agreements with Cherokee Youth Foundation (CYF), The Marine Corps League and Walden University.

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List) Enter URL below

Partnership agreements

Source of Additional Information Open URL

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PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

CHEROKEE YOUTH FOUNDATION

This agreement entered into on this 24th day of July, 2025 by and between The Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and the Cherokee Youth Foundation, hereinafter referred to as "CYF."

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, CYF, the sister organization of Georgia Impact Soccer, is committed to making soccer more accessible and inclusive for every family in Cherokee County. This mission is accomplished through school-based soccer clubs, investments in equipment and facilities, financial assistance for players, and emergency support for families facing unexpected challenges; and,

WHEREAS, CYF's vision is for a Cherokee County where every child can play the sport they love – no matter their zip code, background, or financial circumstances. Its Core Beliefs are: We believe in the power of community. We believe sports can teach responsibility, teamwork, and leadership. We believe in inspiring compassion, volunteerism, and generosity – all through the game of soccer.

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. Support CYF in its volunteerism with after-school soccer clubs that meet at CCSD schools in accordance with rules and regulations for such groups. CYF currently supports after-school soccer clubs at Cherokee High School, Teasley Middle School, Clark Creek ES STEM Academy, Hasty ES Fine Arts Academy and R.M. Moore ES STEM Academy.

2. Promote CYF programs through existing communication channels.

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

ARTICLE III

CYF will:

1. Volunteer with after-school soccer clubs that meet at CCSD schools in accordance with rules and regulations for such groups. CYF currently supports after-school soccer clubs at Cherokee High School, Teasley Middle School, Clark Creek ES STEM Academy, Hasty ES Fine Arts Academy and R.M. Moore ES STEM Academy.

2. Support the development of additional after-school clubs at CCSD schools started by students and a teacher sponsor in accordance with rules and regulations for such groups.

3. Provide financial and other assistance when possible to CCSD students in need and their families upon request by CCSD.

4. Volunteer at various school functions (character education programs, career days, vocational week, Read Across America) when CYF members are available.

5. Provide opportunities for community service for high school students wishing to meet expectations for service organizations, college applications, scholarships, etc.

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

7. 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 Agreement, CYF must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this agreement is July 24, 2025 through July 24, 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.

This agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty 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 Executive Director, Cherokee Youth Foundation, 150 North St Suite B Canton, GA 30114.

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

CHEROKEE YOUTH FOUNDATION

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Shane Moore, Executive Director

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Janet Read Welch, Chairman

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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

THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

MAJOR GENERAL WARREN R. JOHNSON DETACHMENT

1311 WOODSTOCK, GEORGIA

This agreement entered into on this ~~20th day of June 2019~~ 24th day of July, 2025 by and between The Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and the Marine Corps League, Major General Warren Johnson Detachment 1311, Woodstock, Georgia, hereinafter referred to as "The League."

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 League takes great pride in crediting its founding in 1923 to World War I hero, then Major General Commandant John A. Lejeune. It takes equal pride in its Federal Charter, approved by An Act of the Seventy-Fifth Congress of the United States of America and signed and approved by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on August 4, 1937. The League is the only Federally Chartered ~~Marine Corps related~~ veterans organization in the country.

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. Nominate outstanding graduating JROTC cadets from CCSD high schools to be considered for the League's annual Scholarship Program. Nominations are to be made in writing by CCSD high

school JROTC instructors and provided to The League Scholarship Committee by April 30. The Committee will review nominations and determine winners of the cash awards. The awards will be presented at winners' school JROTC Honors Award Nights.

2. Provide the use of track and field facilities, waiving the rental portion of fees as part of Community Use of System Facilities Policy (KG), for the League's annual fundraising run.

3. Promote the League's programs through existing communications channels, including nominating students for various League awards, scholarships and contests; and the Annual Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots programs, as permitted by School Board policy.

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

ARTICLE III

The League will:

1. Provide annual Scholarship Program cash awards to outstanding graduating JROTC cadets from CCSD high schools. The League Scholarship Committee will determine winners of the cash awards based on written nominations from CCSD high school JROTC instructors. The awards will be presented at winners' school JROTC Honors Award Nights.

2. Provide assistance with and participation in school Veterans Day programs, as requested.

3. Provide schools with a list of veterans available to serve as classroom speakers; activities to foster patriotic activities; and information relative to Flag Education and other League activities and programs.

4. Participate in various school functions (character education programs, career days, vocational week, Read Across America) when League members are available.

~~5. Provide opportunities for Senior Projects for high school students including service as project mentors when League members are available.~~

6. Provide opportunities for community service for high school students wishing to meet expectations for college applications, scholarships, and social clubs.

7. Abide by the rules and regulations contained in the facility use contract at each school facility and those contained in the Community Use of System Facilities Policy (KG), including custodial and supervisory fees when applicable.

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

9. 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 Agreement, the League must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this agreement is ~~June 20, 2018~~ July 24, 2025 through ~~June 20, 2019~~ July 24, 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.

This agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty 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 League Commandant, ~~Craig "Doc" McNabb~~ Charles Gray, ~~3980 Creekmore St., Canton, Georgia 30115~~ P.O. Box 2733 Woodstock, GA 31088.

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

THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
MAJOR GENERAL WARREN R. JOHNSON
DETACHMENT 1311
WOODSTOCK, GEORGIA

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Charles Gray
Commandant

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Janet Read Welch, Chairman

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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

WALDEN UNIVERSITY

This agreement entered into on this ~~20th day of June 2019~~ 24th day of July, 2025 by and between the Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and Walden 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, Walden University will provide high-caliber programs that prepare learners as scholar-practitioners and leaders who can inspire, influence, and impact their diverse communities; and,

WHEREAS, Walden University is committed to enriching professional development opportunities and field experiences with access to innovative technology, enabling Walden's students to choose when, where, and how they learn; and,

WHEREAS, Walden University will enrich professional development opportunities and field experiences with access to innovative technology enabling Walden's students to choose when, where, and how they learn; and,

WHEREAS, Walden University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and a Certified B Corporation using business as a force for good.

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. Disseminate information provided by Walden University to CCSD's Office of Communications about its 10% tuition reduction benefit for CCSD employees and other opportunities through existing CCSD communication channels to include posting on the employee learning management system, as permitted by School Board policy.

2. Communicate, via CCSD's Office of Communications, opportunities for Walden University to support and/or sponsor CCSD professional development, and appreciation programs offered to its employees throughout the year.

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

ARTICLE III

Walden University will:

1. Provide a 10% tuition reduction benefit (as specified below) to all CCSD employees for Walden University degrees, programs and courses, excluding the ~~Emergency Nurse practitioner and~~ Family Nurse Practitioner specializations in the Master of Science in Nursing. Any change to this benefit will be provided in writing to the School Board by December 1 prior to the new benefit taking effect on January 1 of the following year; such a change would not affect the benefit for candidates currently enrolled at Walden and using the existing benefit.

2. Provide CCSD's Office of Communications with prepared information about the 10% tuition reduction benefit for CCSD employees and other opportunities to be disseminated by CCSD through its existing communication channels to include posting on the employee learning management system, as permitted by School Board policy.

3. Provide students access to master teachers, researchers, and nationally recognized education experts, and practical research-based strategies for improving student outcomes.

4. Provide an orientation session for CCSD employees to be organized in conjunction with CCSD's Offices of Human Resources and Academics & Accountability outlining features, benefits and overall information regarding Walden degrees, certificates and courses, and the inquiry process for candidates

5. Notify CCSD's Office of Communications of additional programmatic offers available to employees.

6. Provide CCSD's Office of Human Resources the ability to post job openings to Walden's Career Services for recruitment purposes.

7. Consider requests by CCSD for support and/or sponsorship, when possible upon learning of such opportunities from CCSD's Office of Communications, for CCSD professional development, recruitment and appreciation programs offered to its employees throughout the year.

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

9. Accept all interested participants, who meet the standard admissions requirements, 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. 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 agreement, Walden University must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this agreement is ~~June 20, 2019~~ July 24, 2025 through ~~June 20, 2020~~ July 24, 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

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 Walden University, 7065 Samuel Morse Dr., Columbia, Md., 21046 with a copy to Walden University, Attention: Divisional Counsel, 650 South Exeter Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

ARTICLE VI

Candidates must inquire through the marketing and information channels provided by Walden University in order to obtain the tuition reduction benefit. Failure to facilitate communication through these channels may result in candidates not being eligible for the tuition reduction benefit.

This agreement is not a guarantee that all employees of CCSD will be granted acceptance or admission into Walden University. All prospective students will be subject to the same standard admissions and registration processes as other prospective students applying to

Walden University. No student-specific information will be shared between Walden University and CCSD unless the student grants permission in writing.

The tuition reduction benefit offered to CCSD's employees is a 10% tuition reduction. The tuition reduction benefit is applicable to tuition only and does not apply towards books, materials and other supplies or fees needed for a course. This reduction will remain in effect for the duration of the student's continuous enrollment at Walden University. All CCSD employees that are current Walden University students are eligible for the tuition reduction benefit from the date of execution of this agreement, provided, however, no tuition reduction will be made retroactively.

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

WALDEN UNIVERSITY

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By: Sara Marsolek

Vice President, Product Management

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