Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
October 16, 2025	Action Item 3

Title

Partnership Agreement Renewals - Cherokee Retired Educators Association and City of Holly Springs

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Renewal of the Partnership Agreements with Cherokee Retired Educators Association and City of Holly Springs

Summary Explanation and Background

The School Board is requested to consider the Superintendent's recommendation to approve renewal of the Partnership Agreements with Cherokee Retired Educators Association and City of Holly Springs.

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List) — Enter URL below

Partnership Agreements Attached

Source of Additional Information — Open URL

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PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

GEORGIA RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION –

CHEROKEE RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

This agreement entered into on this 1~~7~~6th day of October, 20~~19~~25 by and between the Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and Georgia Retired Educators Association – Cherokee Retired Educators Association hereinafter referred to as "GREA" and "CREA."

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 Five Priority Areas is Family, Partner and Community Engagement; and,~~

WHEREAS, the mission of GREA is to unite retired educators in Georgia for fellowship, support and educational/community service, and to improve benefits for all retired educators through cooperation with Local, State and National organizations; and,

WHEREAS, the purposes of CREA are:

- To provide an organized basis for continuing interest and efforts;
- To present meaningful programs;
- To encourage continued fellowship;
- To support beneficial legislations; and,
- To recognize current contributions.

WHEREAS, CREA wishes to support the Cherokee County School District, both students and educators, by providing volunteers, recognition and support for teaching and learning.

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. Distribute information to retirees regarding GREA and CREA.

2. Promote GREA- and CREA-sponsored activities and programs through existing communication channels, as permitted by School Board policy, including the posting of notices on the online Virtual Community Bulletin Board.

3. Issue an annual proclamation recognizing Retired Educators Day.

4. Allow the use of School District facilities for six yearly CREA meetings, as needed.

5. Allow the use of a School District copier for CREA materials, with CREA to provide the paper.

6. Explore professional development opportunities in both parties' best interests.

7. Pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interests.

8. Provide CREA with CCSD email addresses for all retiring educators every spring.

ARTICLE III

CREA will:

1. Provide volunteers for the School District including, but not limited to: classroom, media center and clerical assistants; event judges; proctors; tutors and mentors; in-service professional development leaders; and guest readers.

2. Provide an annual scholarship for a Cherokee County School District graduate~~(s)~~ attending Reinhardt University to study in the field of education and provide financial assistance with final certification fees to a Cherokee County School District graduates(s).

3. Abide by the rules and regulations contained in the Community Use of System Facilities Policy (KG), including custodial and supervisory fees when applicable.

4. Explore professional development opportunities in both parties' best interests.

5. Pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interests.

6. Accept all children/interested participants for participation within its programs without regard to their gender, race, political affiliation, age, national origin or handicapping condition. Children/participants with handicaps or any other discrimination recognized and prohibited by State or Federal Law 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, CREA must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this contract is October 1~~7~~6, 20~~19~~25 through October 1~~7~~6, 202~~0~~6. This contract 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 contract may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party with or without cause. All notice of this contract shall be given to the Superintendent of Cherokee County Schools, P.O. Box 769, Canton, GA 3011469; and to CREA, ~~P.O. Box 769, Canton, GA 30169~~ c/o Anita Spence 200 Amber Lake Drive Ball Ground GA 30107.

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

CHEROKEE RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

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By: Bonny Keheley

President

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

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BETWEEN

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AND

THE CITY OF HOLLY SPRINGS

This agreement entered into on this 1~~7~~6th day of October, 20~~19~~25 by and between the Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board," and The City of Holly Springs hereinafter referred to as "Holly Springs."

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, Holly Springs' mission is to provide efficient and effective municipal services to Holly Springs residents, recognize and collaborate on regional issues in order to maintain and improve the quality of life for the citizens of Holly Springs; and,

WHEREAS, Holly Springs is located in the heart of Cherokee County extending from the Little River to the south, to exit 14 of I-575 to the north, to Marble Quarry Road to the west to ~~Harmony on the Lake Drive~~ Hickory Flat Highway to the east; and,

WHEREAS, Holly Springs' current projections indicate continued growth for years to come and the city plans to take an aggressive and pro-active approach to deal with the anticipated growth.

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The School Board will:

1. Assess no costs to the other party in cases of ~~easement~~ granting easements.

2. Share information and facilities in emergency situations, such as natural disasters and inclement weather; and share information concerning road conditions, especially in inclement weather.

3. Continue to allow the City use of school facilities upon request, waiving the rental fee as reflected in School Board Policy KG ~~including, but not limited to, use of the Holly Springs Elementary School parking lot for the City's annual Autumn Fest and Easter Egg Hunt events~~.

4. Evaluate and allow joint purchasing opportunities for goods and services on a case-by-case basis.

5. Evaluate and allow on a case-by-case basis alternate financing opportunities by the City and Downtown Development Authority of Holly Springs to construct infrastructure or acquire land for redevelopment opportunities such as community improvement districts, business improvement districts and tax allocation districts, ~~the City and the Holly Springs Downtown Development Authority.~~

6. Participate with the City's long-term planning effort and provide input as to school capacity, planning and construction efforts.

7. Promote ongoing coordinating efforts to assess the locations and types of future population growth. This includes the school system being directly involved in land use projections and discussions of such, so that future school sites will not adversely impact Holly Springs' plans for land usage. This initiative will include the sharing of database information, such as population trends, enrollment, zoning applications, etc.

8. Develop methods to work in conjunction with the City in its zoning process, so that developers are routinely expected to discuss mitigating the financial impact on the school system and Holly Springs.

9. Recognize and welcome input when initiated or requested by a City representative at School Board meetings, so that school system recommendations and decisions made in such meetings are routinely considered by the City in that forum, as need be.

10. Provide regular opportunities for City representatives to inspect surplus property in order to determine if there may be a need for such property (first right of refusal).

11. Pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interests.

12. Promote the City's community special events through existing communication channels, as permitted by School Board policy.

13. Track developer contributions collected by the City on behalf of the School Board and provide the City with an annual report of capital improvement investments made at schools attended by students from the City.

ARTICLE III

Holly Springs will:

1. Assess no costs to the other party in cases of ~~easement~~ granting easements of City-controlled property.

2. Assess no costs to the other party in terms of storm water ~~impact~~ fees.

3. Share information and facilities in emergency situations, such as natural disasters and inclement weather; and share information concerning road conditions, especially in inclement weather

4. Coordinate needs determinations and future City construction projects with the School Board's Department of Planning and Forecasting.

5. Evaluate and allow joint purchasing opportunities for goods and services on a case by case basis.

6. Promote ongoing efforts to assess the locations and types of future population growth. This includes the school system being directly involved in land use projections and discussions of such, so that future school sites will not adversely impact City plans for land usage and vice versa. This initiative will include the sharing of database information, such as population trends, enrollment, zoning applications, etc.

7. Work in conjunction with the School Board in the City zoning process to request mitigation of the financial impact of residential developments on the school system.

8. Recognize and reserve time for input for a school system representative at public zoning meetings so that school system analysis and recommendations made in such meetings are routinely considered by the City in that forum. When requested by the School Board, the same courtesy shall be applicable to City Council meetings.

9. Include School Board system analysis documentation in zoning packets which are distributed to the Planning Commission and City Council in advance of all public meetings and incorporate a summary of the analysis within the City's zoning analysis.

10. Provide judges for the School System Science Fair, Young Authors Fair, Governors Honors, Speech Contests and other related functions.

11. Provide and establish a Speakers Bureau list, for City employees to serve as classroom speakers on requested topics.

12. Provide release time with pay to employees in order for them to work with and mentor principals, teachers and students to ensure that student achievement gains are recognized, particularly in the subject areas of science and math.

13. Provide internship opportunities for Cherokee County students as it relates to the School Board's ~~future~~ Career/Technical Education ~~"Senior Project"~~ requirements in all applicable fields.

14. Pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interests.

15. Assess fees as each residential building permit is pulled and remit said fees to the School Board on a quarterly basis.

16. Allow the School Board to use the City-owned portion of J.C. Mullins Park upon request, waiving the rental fee and deposit as set forth in the City of Holly Springs Municipal Service Master Fee Schedule.

17. ~~Shall~~ Provide portable police radios in the front office of each school within the City to enhance security and communication in the event that the school needs assistance from the City of Holly Springs Police Department.

18. Provide opportunities for Senior Projects for high school students including service as project mentors when staff members and/or volunteers are available.

19. 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, Holly Springs must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

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

CITY OF HOLLY SPRINGS

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By: Ryan P. Shirley, Mayor

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By: Rob Logan, City Manager

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

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