Agenda Request Form

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October 16, 2025	Recognition Item 5

Title

2025-26 Learning from Legends Honorees

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of 2025-26 Learning from Legends Honorees

Summary Explanation and Background

To celebrate the annual observance of Retired Educators Day on the first Sunday in November, CCSD Communications, in partnership with the Cherokee Retired Educators Association, coordinates the oral history project, "Learning from Legends: Retired Educators Share Their Wisdom."

The project records briefs interviews with retired educators to share with the community, with a special focus on sharing their wisdom with newer educators.

This year's Legends are: Connie Garrison, Perry Marshall, and Susan McCarthy.

Ms. Garrison joined CCSD in 1996 as a paraprofessional and then earned her degree to become a teacher. She served as an elementary and middle school teacher, taught math and STEM, achieved the Teacher of the Year honor, and retired in 2024.

Mr. Marshall joined CCSD in 1984 as a language arts teacher, teaching at the elementary and then middle school level, and later became CCSD's social worker. Through the latter role, he developed numerous district-wide and collaborative programs including initiatives to improve student attendance and support students impacted by alcohol and drug abuse. He retired in 2020.

Ms. McCarthy joined CCSD in 1998 as a middle school language arts teacher after beginning her career in Michigan and Chicago. She achieved the Teacher of the Year honor, advanced to Principal and district leadership roles, and retired in 2017 as assistant superintendent of educational programs, student support and professional development -- a position known today as chief academic officer.

Financial Impact

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