Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
February 12, 2026	Action Item 4

Title

Partnership Agreement Renewals

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve the Partnership Agreement Renewals with Cherokee Soccer Association and Georgia Commute Schools.

Summary Explanation and Background

The School Board is requested to consider the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Partnership Agreement Renewals with Cherokee Soccer Association and Georgia Commute Schools.

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List) — Enter URL below

Partnership Agreements Attached

Source of Additional Information — Open URL

Mary Elizabeth Davis, PhD	770.479.1871
Barbara Jacoby	770.479.1871

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

CHEROKEE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

This agreement entered into on this ~~17th day of February, 2022,~~ 12th day of February, 2026, by and between the Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and the Cherokee Soccer Association hereinafter referred to as "CSA."

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, CSA is a non-profit community-based association of volunteers, members, and staff open to serving the recreational and competitive soccer interests and needs for children and young adults from ages four through 19. Programs provided by CSA include TOP Soccer for special needs children. All of the programs are designed to provide programs and services, which develop spirit, mind and body.

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:

1. Will provide continued use of Sixes ES outdoor recreational soccer fields beginning in August 2003.
2. Will provide a new facility use partnership for outdoor recreational soccer fields at Arnold Mill ES, effective January 1, 2018.
3. Will provide a new facility use partnership for outdoor recreational soccer fields at Clark Creek ES STEM Academy, effective ~~February 17, 2022~~ February 1, 2026.
4. Will provide a new facility use partnership for outdoor recreational soccer fields at Hasty ES Fine Arts Academy, effective February 17, 2022.
5. Will provide a new facility use partnership for outdoor recreational soccer fields at R.M. Moore ES STEM Academy, effective February 17, 2022.
6. Will provide a new facility use partnership for outdoor recreational soccer fields at Cherokee HS, effective February 17, 2022.
7. Will provide a new facility use partnership for outdoor recreational soccer fields at Free Home ES, effective February 12, 2026.
8. Will provide a new facility use partnership for outdoor recreational soccer fields at Liberty ES, effective February 1, 2026.
9. Will continue to promote CSA community-based programs through existing communication channels, as permitted by School Board policy.

ARTICLE III

CSA:

1. Will provide and promote community-based educational workshops, clinics, and presentations to teachers, parents, and students throughout the academic year. The educational programs will be conducted by nationally licensed and certified trainers and will focus on a variety of health, safety, and recreational topics.
2. Will provide scholarships for low-income and disadvantaged families to increase parental and community involvement.
3. Will abide by the rules and regulations contained in the facility use contract at each facility and those contained in the Community Use of System Facilities Policy, including custodial and supervisory fees when applicable.
4. For facility use partnership for soccer fields at Arnold Mill ES, Clark Creek ES STEM Academy, Free Home ES, Hasty ES Fine Arts Academy, Liberty ES, R.M. Moore ES STEM Academy and Sixes ES:
    a) Will secure contractor and supervise construction of the any field improvements (all work will be approved in advance with the Office of Support Services).

b) Will maintain the playing field in a good and safe condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, weed control, aeration, topdressing, over seeding, fertilizing, turf repair, mowing and other improvements as may be necessary to maintain field in good condition.
c) Upon discovery of damages, both parties shall meet in order to confirm who is responsible for damages and the extent of work required to repair damages. The appropriate party shall be responsible for the cost and repair of the field. CSA will supervise the repairs by a mutually agreed upon contractor.
d) Will limit the use of the fields to Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sundays from 1 to 6 p.m. and weekdays from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Field use during the summer shall be limited to Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 6 p.m. A mutually agreed upon period of time will be set-aside during each summer for turf recovery and maintenance.

5. For facility use partnership for soccer fields at Cherokee HS:
a) Will secure contractor and supervise construction of the any field improvements (all work will be approved in advance with the Office of Support Services).
b) Will maintain the playing field in a good and safe condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, weed control, aeration, topdressing, over seeding, fertilizing, turf repair, mowing and other improvements as may be necessary to maintain field in good condition.
c) Upon discovery of damages, both parties shall meet in order to confirm who is responsible for damages and the extent of work required to repair damages. The appropriate party shall be responsible for the cost and repair of the field. CSA will supervise the repairs by a mutually agreed upon contractor.
d) Will provide soccer equipment to Cherokee HS in the form of: goals, balls, and gear for intramural programs.
e) Will make a monetary donation towards more permanent goals and other equipment at Cherokee HS as needed.
f) Will limit the use of the fields to Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sundays from 1 to 6 p.m. and weekdays from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Field use during the summer shall be limited to Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 6 p.m. A mutually agreed upon period of time will be set-aside during each summer for turf recovery and maintenance.
g) In conjunction with Cherokee Recreation & Parks Agency, will provide mowing services and ongoing upgrades to fields, as needed.

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

ARTICLE IV

The term of this agreement is ~~February 17, 2022 through February 17, 2023~~ February 12, 2026 through February 12, 2027. 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 will not be terminated by either party during the first year of the term. All notice of this agreement shall be given to the Superintendent of Cherokee County Schools at PO Box 769, Canton, GA 30114, and to the President, Cherokee Soccer Association, 155 Railroad Street, Canton, GA 30114.

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

CHEROKEE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

_____

John Brandreth, President

Cherokee Soccer Association

_____

Shane Moore, Executive Director

Cherokee Soccer Association

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

_____

By: Janet Read Welch, Chairman

_____

By: Mary Elizabeth Davis, PhD

Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

_____

Abby Roach, Esquire

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

GEORGIA COMMUTE SCHOOLS

This agreement entered on this ~~13th day of February, 2020~~ 12th day of February, 2026 by and between The Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and Georgia Commute Schools.

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

WHEREAS, Georgia Commute Schools (GCS) is a federally-funded program housed under the Atlanta Regional Commission that aims to reduce traffic congestion around schools by motivating and encouraging students to carpool, take transit, ride the school bus, walk, bike, and parents to reduce idling in the car-rider line; and,

WHEREAS, Georgia Commute Schools recognizes that children are particularly vulnerable to air pollution, who breathe 50% more air per pound than adults and are closer to the ground and therefore vehicle tailpipes. Children's lungs are still developing, making them more vulnerable to the impact of vehicle exhaust and poor air quality. ~~11%~~ 9% of Georgia's children suffer from asthma. Exposure to car emissions can aggravate children's asthma, making it harder to breathe. Georgia Commute Schools' initiative empowers schools and entire communities to make a difference in reducing traffic around schools and cleaning up our air; and,

WHEREAS, Georgia Commute Schools provides schools (K through 12) with resources and tools to educate and empower schools, parents, and students to implement changes in their communities to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality. Entire school communities will learn simple, voluntary actions they can take that will make a big impact on reducing air pollution in school communities. Turning car engines off, for example, while waiting for children to get out of school can take three pounds of pollution out of the air per month; and,

WHEREAS, Georgia Commute Schools currently provides program assistance to 20 counties and 27~~8~~ school districts in metro-Atlanta with a total of ~~28~~ over 50 schools and ~~13 school districts~~ representing all districts in the partnership program since 2018; and,

WHEREAS, Georgia Commute Schools views children as young commuters and the next generation of trailblazers to help improve transportation in metro Atlanta. Georgia Commute

Schools works with administrators, faculty, parents, and community leaders. Georgia Commute Schools programs are at no financial cost to school districts and schools and are designed to offer resources to kindergarten through 12th grade schools across metro Atlanta. Our GCS programs and promotions serve public, private, alternative, and charter-focused schools. ~~CarPOOL to School, Breathe: Be Idle Free, Tracks to Transit, Love My Bus, and the Highschool Transportation Taskforce initiative are all the programs schools can implement. Air Quality Lesson plans and a library of resources are provided to support the previously listed programs.~~

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 in corporate herein by reference:

ARTICLE II

The School Board will:

1. Promote Georgia Commute Schools programs and events through existing communication channels, as permitted by School Board Policy, ~~including: Love My Bus Month in February, Air Quality Awareness Week in April, and National School Bus Safety Week in October.~~

ARTICLE III

Georgia Commute Schools will:

1. Assist Principals with identifying School Transportation ~~Ambassadors~~ Liaisons within their school to lead their Georgia Commute Schools initiatives.

2. Accept all schools into the program that wish to become a Georgia Commute Schools partner. Please note, all schools must partner to receive incentives and other transportation and air quality resources from Georgia Commute Schools.

3. Assist all schools that implement one or more Georgia Commute Schools programs with determining school-specific strategies for reducing pollution and traffic within their chosen programs. Provide support, assistance and resources to school transportation ~~ambassadors~~ liaisons, teachers, and administrators year-round to ensure the success of their Georgia Commute Schools programs~~. Work with transportation ambassadors to engage their entire school community and get students involved.~~

4. Provide all partnered schools with toolkits to implement programs at no cost. Toolkits include educational materials for students and parents, signage for anti-idling (if applicable) and collateral to engage students in the programs.

5. Provide ongoing recognition to all schools that complete program requirements and become official Georgia Commute Schools for each school year. Provide additional recognition to schools that took innovative steps to engage their community in the program.

6. Promote CCSD as a Georgia Commute Schools District Partner through Georgia Commute Schools monthly newsletter and through local, regional and national media placements.

7. Promote all CCSD schools that become a Georgia Commute Schools partner through the online newsletter and through local, regional, and national media placements.

8. Abide by the rules and regulations contained in the School Board's Solicitation by Students Policy (JKB/KEBB), that prohibits students in grades eight or lower from participating in door-to-sales.

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 partnership agreement, Georgia Commute Schools must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this agreement is ~~February 13, 2020 through February 13, 2021~~ February 12, 2026 through February 12, 2027. 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 Georgia Commute Schools, ~~1360 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30309~~ 229 Peachtree St NE, Suite 100, Atlanta GA 30303.

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

GEORGIA COMMUTE SCHOOLS

_____
Olivia Haas, Program Manager

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

_____
By: Janet Read Welch, Chair

_____
By: Mary Elizabeth Davis, PhD
Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

_____
Abby Roach, Esquire