Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
February 12, 2026	Recognition Item 2

Title

STAR Students and Teachers

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of STAR Students and Teachers

Summary Explanation and Background

The STAR, or Student Teacher Achievement Recognition, Student honor is awarded to the high school senior from each Georgia public and private high school with the highest score on any single test date of the SAT and who also ranks in the top 10 percent or top 10 students of his or her class based on grade point average. Each honored student is invited to select his or her favorite teacher to be named that school's STAR Teacher.

An overall CCSD winner additionally is recognized for earning the highest eligible SAT score of all the STAR Students -- congratulations to Levi Cone of Creekview High School!

All of the STAR Students and Teachers were honored at the annual STAR Student and Teacher Recognition Ceremony presented this month by the Canton Lions Club, the local sponsor since the STAR program began in 1958. Each of the high school winners receive a scholarship from the club. The overall CCSD winner advances to regional competition, and the 12 region winners will contend for the State PAGE STAR Student title; STAR Teachers continue with their students through these additional levels of recognition.

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List) — Enter URL below

Full List of STAR students and teachers

Source of Additional Information — Open URL

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The CCSD honorees are:

Cherokee HS

STAR Student: Grace Dai

STAR Teacher: Morgan Clifton

Creekview HS

STAR Student: Levi Cone

STAR Teacher: Drew Lawson

Etowah HS

STAR Student: Alexander Lu

STAR Teacher: Kristy Wiggins

i-Grad Virtual Academy

STAR Student: Michael McGuire

STAR Teacher: Hannah Mitchell

River Ridge HS

STAR Student: Claire Park

STAR Teacher: Tracye Bulger

Sequoyah HS

STAR Student: Ben Koster

STAR Teacher: Dr. Cathy Murphy

Woodstock HS

STAR Student: Daniel Cabra-Lara

STAR Teacher: Kate McIntyre