Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
February 12, 2026	Recognition Item 6

Title

Cherokee County School Police Department Appreciation

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of CCSD Police Department

Summary Explanation and Background

In celebration of National School Resource Officer Appreciation Day, which is officially observed each year on Feb. 15, we recognize the Cherokee County School District for its exceptional service to our students, teachers and staff, families and community as a whole.

School police officers are valuable and essential members of our school district and the public education community nationally for their dedication to keeping our schools safe and secure.

School police officers also bridge gaps between youth and law enforcement through the critically important roles of both school policing and educating students about law enforcement and its role in the community.

The CCSD Police Department is one of only six state certified school police departments in the state, the highest level of state accreditation that local law enforcement agencies can achieve. It is rare for school police departments to complete the rigorous review required to earn certification.

The department's certification is awarded by the Joint Review Committee of the State of Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Program, and the department has earned the prestigious Silver Award for maintaining accreditation for more than 15 years.

Led by Chief Buster Cushing, the department has grown to include 35 POST certified police officers, as well as valued staff dedicated to critically important support services such as emergency management and emergency communications.

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List) — Enter URL below

Source of Additional Information — Open URL

Mary Elizabeth Davis, PhD	770.479.1871
Barbara Jacoby	770.479.1871
Buster Cushing	770.704.4354