Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

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August 20, 2026	Recognition Item 7

Title

Georgia PTA Awards for Staff, PTA Units

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of Georgia PTA Awards for Staff, PTA Units

Summary Explanation and Background

The Georgia PTA presented top awards for teachers, school support staff, school leaders, volunteers, and PTA units at its statewide convention held this summer at Mill Creek Middle School.

Congratulations to Etowah High School Principal Ken Nix, Ball Ground ES STEM Academy Assistant Principal Lauren Roach, teachers Jennie Allen of Ball Ground ES STEM Academy and Sandy Rivera of Knox ES STEM Academy, and school nurse Kristen Kim of Mill Creek MS for earning the highest honors awarded by the Georgia PTA to professionals in each of their roles. The Visionary Awards recognizes schools or individuals for "an above and beyond approach to supporting students, families, and school communities." Kimberly Forrester, literacy coach for Johnston ES, earned this honor, as did Woodstock Middle School.

Three school PTA units earned a statewide Hearst Family-School Partnership Award, which is the highest honor presented to units. Cherokee High School won in the recognition area of Welcoming All Families, Little River Elementary School won for Speak Up For Every Child, and Mill Creek Middle School won for Communicate Effectively.

Five school PTA units earned statewide Outstanding Local Unit awards: Arnold Mill Elementary School won first place for elementary schools of its size, with Johnson Elementary School placing second; R.M. Moore ES STEM Academy won first place for elementary schools of its size; and Mill Creek Middle School won second place for middle schools.

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