Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
August 20, 2026	Recognition Item 8

Title

CCSD Coach of the Year and Innovation Zone Winners

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of CCSD Coach of the Year and Innovation Zone Winners

Summary Explanation and Background

A 23-year educator and coach who led his boys golf team to the 2026 State Championship, Coach Gerald Sharpe of Cherokee High School is the CCSD Coach of the Year!

In addition to golf, Coach Sharpe also is the boys varsity assistant basketball coach and the school's assistant athletic director and has served as assistant volleyball coach.

The awards program begins with the selection of a top coach for each CCSD Innovation Zone (high school and feeder schools), and those coaches then are considered for the CCSD honor. Judges select the CCSD winner based on outstanding leadership, tradition of excellence and contributions to overall school culture and community.

The Innovation Zone Coach of the Year are: Creekview Zone: Girls Basketball Coach Eric Herrick, Etowah Zone: Soccer Coach Chris Bryce, River Ridge Zone: Swim Coach Tracye Bulger, Sequoyah Zone: Girls Basketball Coach Chris Yarbrough, Woodstock Zone: Flag Football Coach Sadie Chadwick.

In addition to a one-year vehicle lease from Shottenkirk Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Canton, Coach Sharpe will also receive s a $5,000 BSN Sports credit for sportswear and equipment. The Innovation Zone winners each received a $1,000 BSN credit.

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List) — Enter URL below

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Source of Additional Information — Open URL

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