Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
August 20, 2026	Recognition Item 10

Title

Celebration of Student Achievement Growth

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of SY2025-26 Student Achievement Growth

Summary Explanation and Background

The Cherokee County School Board is proudly celebrating our students' performance on the Georgia Milestones Assessments, which has increased to new heights and led to continued progress toward meeting the School Board-established three-year goals!

For the first time ever, in 2024 our School Board set targets for student learning growth in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Reading with three-year goals. Our Board invested in new standards-aligned instructional resources, removed the distraction of cell phones from instructional time, and established an annual third-party personnel survey to seek insights on areas for further improvement to the employee experience.

Our teachers are among the most talented in the profession and have grown as instructional leaders through new opportunities for collaboration. Equipped with best instructional practices, new resources, and new standards-aligned student progress monitoring tools, our teachers are ensuring students are learning more, growing more, and achieving more in our classrooms than they could anywhere else.

Tonight, we celebrate progress in Mathematics as reflected in results released this month by Georgia Department of Education. English Language Arts and Reading results are expected in December. Our students have made continued progress toward achieving our School Board-adopted three-year Mathematics goals, and two groups, Grade 8 and High School, already have exceeded those goals with another school year yet to go!

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List) — Enter URL below

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Source of Additional Information — Open URL

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School Achievement Recognition Categories

Achieving 2027 Goal: Achieving At or Above the 3-Year School Board-Established Goal for Mathematics

Improving Student Achievement: Schools Achieving Positive Growth from School Board-Established Goal Baseline (2026 over Baseline) for Mathematics

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Arnold Mill ES: Improving Student Achievement, Grades 4 and 5

Avery ES: Achieving 2027 Goal, Grades 3 and 4; and Improving Student Achievement, Grades 3, 4 and 5

Ball Ground ES STEM Academy: Achieving 2027 Goal, Grades 3 and 4; and Improving Student Achievement, Grades 3 and 4

Bascomb ES: Improving Student Achievement, Grades 3, 4 and 5

Boston ES: Achieving 2027 Goal, Grade 3; and Improving Student Achievement, Grades 3, 4 and 5

Carmel ES: Improving Student Achievement, Grade 5

Clark Creek ES: Improving Student Achievement, Grade 3

Clayton ES: Achieving 2027 Goal, Grade 5; and Improving Student Achievement, Grades 4 and 5

Free Home ES: Improving Student Achievement, Grade 4

Hasty ES Fine Arts Academy: Achieving 2027 Goal, Grades 3 and 4; and Improving Student Achievement, Grades 3, 4 and 5

Hickory Flat ES: Achieving 2027 Goal, Grades 3 and 4; and Improving Student Achievement, Grades 3, 4 and 5

Holly Springs ES STEM Academy: Improving Student Achievement, Grades 3, 4 and 5

Indian Knoll ES: Improving Student Achievement, Grades 3 and 5

Knox ES STEM Academy: Achieving 2027 Goal, Grade 3; and Improving Student Achievement, Grades 3, 4 and 5

Johnston ES: Achieving 2027 Goal, Grade 4; and Improving Student Achievement, Grades 3, 4 and 5

Liberty ES: Improving Student Achievement, Grade 3

Little River ES: Improving Student Achievement, Grade 4

Macedonia ES: Improving Student Achievement, Grades 3, 4 and 5

Mountain Road ES: Improving Student Achievement, Grade 3

R.M. Moore ES STEM Academy: Achieving 2027 Goal, Grade 3; and Improving Student Achievement, Grades 3, 4 and 5

Sixes ES: Achieving 2027 Goal, Grade 5; and Improving Student Achievement, Grade 5

Woodstock ES: Improving Student Achievement, Grade 5

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Creekland MS: Achieving 2027 Goal, Grade 8; and Improving Student Achievement, Grades 6, 7 and 8

Dean Rusk MS: Achieving 2027 Goal, Grade 8; and Improving Student Achievement, Grades 6, 7 and 8

E.T. Booth MS: Achieving 2027 Goal, Grades 6 and 8; and Improving Student Achievement, Grades 6, 7 and 8

Freedom MS: Improving Student Achievement, Grades 7 and 8

Mill Creek MS: Achieving 2027 Goal, Grades 7 and 8; and Improving Student Achievement, Grades 6, 7 and 8

Teasley MS: Achieving 2027 Goal, Grades 7 and 8; and Improving Student Achievement, Grades 6, 7 and 8

Woodstock MS: Achieving 2027 Goal, Grades 6, 7 and 8; and Improving Student Achievement, Grades 6, 7 and 8

HIGH SCHOOLS

Cherokee HS: Achieving 2027 Goal and Improving Student Achievement

Creekview HS: Achieving 2027 Goal and Improving Student Achievement

Etowah HS: Achieving 2027 Goal and Improving Student Achievement

i-Grad Virtual Academy: Improving Student Achievement

River Ridge HS: Achieving 2027 Goal and Improving Student Achievement

Sequoyah HS: Achieving 2027 Goal and Improving Student Achievement

Woodstock HS: Achieving 2027 Goal and Improving Student Achievement