Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
October 15, 2026	Action Item 1

Title

2027 Legislative Priorities

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of 2027 Legislative Priorities.

Summary Explanation and Background

Based upon discussion, feedback, and input from School Board Members, the Superintendent recommends the attached 2027 Legislative Partnership Priorities for the School Board's consideration and approval.

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

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Source of Additional Information

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2027 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

STABILIZE MEANINGFUL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR STUDENT LEARNING

- Maintain consistency in Georgia's accountability system for math and reading.
- Balance measurement of student growth with measurement of the percentage of students reaching a performance threshold.
- Eliminate or redesign the 'Closing Gaps' component of the State's College and Career Readiness Performance Index CCRPI.
- Narrow the State testing window, reduce the total time required to administer State assessments, and return results before end of the school year.
- Eliminate or redesign GKIDS to align with current reading expectations.

INVEST IN THE EDUCATION GEORGIA EXPECTS

- Fund public education in the State of Georgia and replace decreased long-term revenue from new property tax digest cap.
- Re-evaluate equalization formula to reduce unsustainable burden on donor districts.
- Expand flexibility for State Career, Technical and Agricultural Education funding to include K-5.
- Modernize QBE to ensure quality schools for all students and to offset revenue gaps.
- Establish permanent, formula-based State funding for school police officers and cybersecurity.
- Improve State investment in counselors, psychologists, social workers and nurses.
- Increase State support for classified employee health insurance and address the growing local burden of State-mandated benefits.
- Preserve State investment in TRS and strengthen teacher compensation and recruitment.
- Establish permanent formula-based State funding for educational technology infrastructure, network capacity, devices, hardware replacement and software.
- Require a sustainable funding source whenever new State technology requirements are imposed.

PRESERVE LOCAL AUTHORITY WITH PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

- Protect the constitutional authority of local School Boards, including the authority to establish millage rates and manage local operations.
- Preserve local authority over instructional delivery models, academic programs, resources, and operational decisions.
- Maintain sovereign and official immunity protections for School Boards and school districts in routine school operations.
- Strengthen consequences for vapes on campus and address accessibility of vapes to minors at retail locations.
- Eliminate State-mandated use of schools as polling places during regular school days.

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