Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
November 19, 2026	Action Item 3

Title

Resolution to Reduce Energy and Fuel Consumption

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendents recommendation for resolution to reduce energy and fuel consumption.

Summary Explanation and Background

Due to continued increases in fuel and energy costs, the Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve a resolution authorizing District-wide energy and fuel conservation measures for the remainder of FY2027, or until such measures are no longer necessary.

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List) Enter URL below

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CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Cherokee County Board of Education (Board) is on a mission to become the highest performing school district in the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to its core beliefs, core policies, and key priorities, with a focus on student academic achievement and the responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the importance of maintaining essential instructional and operational services, including safe and reliable transportation for students throughout the school year; and

WHEREAS, the continued elevation of fuel and energy costs across the United States has resulted in significant unanticipated expenditures impacting the Cherokee County School District's (District) FY2027 General Fund budget; and

WHEREAS, through October 2026, District diesel fuel expenditures have exceeded budget projections by 114%, or approximately $942,000; and

WHEREAS, through October 2026, District energy expenditures have exceeded budget projections by 24%, or approximately $600,000; and

WHEREAS, the combined impact of these increased fuel and energy costs requires proactive financial measures to ensure sufficient General Fund resources remain available to sustain essential instructional and operational services throughout the school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to maintaining a stable workforce, protecting employee jobs, and minimizing disruptions to student learning and essential District operations; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the importance of implementing temporary cost-saving measures and exercising fiscal responsibility to address these unanticipated expenditures while preserving the District's long-term financial stability; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 19th day of November 2026, by the Cherokee County Board of Education, that the Board authorizes an energy and fuel reduction effort to decrease nonessential energy and fuel consumption for the remainder of the FY2027 school year, or until such time as the Superintendent determines these measures are no longer necessary.

The Superintendent and District staff are directed to identify expenditures that may be paused, reduced, or temporarily discontinued to offset increased fuel and energy costs within available General Fund resources.

These measures shall prioritize the continued delivery of essential instructional and operational services while ensuring responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources. The District remains committed to maintaining a stable workforce and protecting employee jobs throughout this period.

The Superintendent and District staff will continue to monitor fuel and energy costs, evaluate expenditures, and reassess the need for these measures as financial conditions change.

ADOPTED this 19th day of November, 2026.

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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