Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
November 19, 2026	Recognition Item 1

Title

Salute to our CCSD Employees for their Military Service

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of our CCSD Employees for their Military Service

Summary Explanation and Background

In our classrooms and school buildings, we know them as dedicated educators, support staff, and leaders. But before -- and in some cases, alongside -- their commitment to setting the conditions for our students' success, they answered the call to serve and protect our nation.

We proudly recognize the more than 100 educators and staff members of our school district who have worn the uniform of one of our nation's military branches, as well as those who continue to serve actively in the Reserves or National Guard.

In a new tradition beginning this school year, as part of our observance of Veterans Day, our School Board is honoring these colleagues with a special recognition of their military service.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our school district's veterans and service members for serving our country and our community!

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List) — Enter URL below

List of all veterans

Source of Additional Information — Open URL

Mary Elizabeth Davis, PhD	770.479.1871
Barbara Jacoby	770.479.1871

U.S. Air Force

Charles Allen, Sequoyah Zone, bus driver

Steve Bergey, Etowah HS, Career Pathway JROTC teacher

Sheri Biesterveld, Woodstock ES, school nurse

Jeff Bise, Cherokee HS, Career Pathway JROTC teacher

Lynn Bounds, Creekview Zone, bus driver

Cpl. Joe Cordero, ACTIVE Academies, school police officer

Mike Davila, Woodstock HS, Special Education teacher

Rodney Deese, River Ridge HS, Career Pathway JROTC teacher

Jane Delanuez, Knox ES STEM Academy, paraprofessional

Marc Diamond, ACTIVE Academies, paraprofessional

Dennis Dyke, Sequoyah HS, Career Pathway JROTC teacher

Christy Flynn, Cherokee HS, Special Education teacher

Brenda Guyer, Creekview HS, social studies teacher

Krista Haehn, Technology, field service manager

Angela Hall, Cherokee HS, paraprofessional

Eric Herrick, Creekview HS, PE teacher

William S. Hood, Creekview Zone, bus driver

Ofc. Mark Hand, Cherokee HS, school police officer

Tony Hobbs, Sequoyah HS, social studies teacher

David Holland, Teasley MS, eighth-grade teacher

Timmie Hoskins, River Ridge HS, Career Pathway JROTC teacher

Joshua Kimball, Teasley MS, Special Education teacher

Dr. Detlef Klann, Sequoyah HS, Career Pathway JROTC teacher

Don Edward Long, substitute teacher

Ciarra Malto, Etowah HS, Career Pathway JROTC teacher

Chris Manley, Woodstock HS, custodian (also served in U.S. Coast Guard)

Leah Markovic, Woodstock ES, Special Education teacher

Candida McClairen, Little River ES, fourth-grade teacher

Steve Payne, Avery ES, assistant principal

Austin Richards, Technology, director of information security

Ashley Stone, Woodstock HS, paraprofessional

Lt. Chris Taylor, Safety & Security, districtwide leadership

Dr. Tom Usry, Freedom MS, assistant principal

Jody Van Ostrand, Cherokee HS, Career Pathway JROTC teacher

Shannon Wiechmann, Carmel ES, fourth-grade teacher

Julie Ziemecki, Carmel ES, Early Intervention Program teacher

U.S. Army

Sgt. Jeremy Akins, Safety & Security, Sequoyah/River Ridge Zone/Tippens leadership

Dillion Armbruster, E.T. Booth MS, seventh-grade teacher

Rolan Johnny Arrowood, Etowah HS, Career Pathway construction teacher

Gary Bagley, Support Services, lead maintenance facility technician

Christie Bargeron, Carmel ES, paraprofessional

Brenda Beebe, Sequoyah HS, science teacher

Chris Butler, Woodstock Zone, bus driver

Ronald E. Butler, Transportation, Special Education bus driver

Dr. John Carter, Teasley MS, assistant principal

Jennifer Christie, Creekview Zone, bus driver (National Guard)

Susan Clopper, Indian Knoll ES/ Sequoyah HS /Dean Rusk MS, crossing guard

Heather Crachi, Mountain Road ES, bookkeeper

Tim Davis, Freedom MS, eighth-grade teacher

Brian DeWitt, Creekland MS, sixth-grade teacher

Dillon Dunnigan, Technology, security analyst

Jim Elder, Mill Creek MS, PE teacher

Jessica Emmett, School Nutrition, coordinator

Earnest Fletcher, Creekview HS, Career Pathway JROTC teacher

Dr. Tammy Hall, Freedom MS, Special Education teacher

Robert Harris, Clayton ES, Early Intervention Program teacher (National Guard)

Dr. Andrew Harwood, Teasley MS, band teacher

Dennis Hawthorne, Creekview HS, Career Pathway JROTC teacher

Jay Hunter, Woodstock HS, Career Pathway computer science teacher

Danielle Jamison, E.T. Booth MS, English for Speakers of Other Languages teacher

Dr. Christian Kirby, Cherokee HS, assistant principal (National Guard)

Joshua Krassler, Woodstock HS, Career Pathway law enforcement teacher (Massachusetts National Guard)

Matt LeMaire, Woodstock MS, custodian

Ben Luke, Cherokee HS, math teacher

Ofc. Keith Mcgaw, Woodstock MS, school police officer

Trenten McPherson, E.T. Booth MS, Special Education teacher

Robert McCright, Hickory Flat ES, head custodian

Trent Orndorf, Tippens EC, Special Education paraprofessional

Capt. Richie Rich, Safety & Security, districtwide leadership

Joseph Rogers, Mill Creek MS, sixth-grade teacher

Grant Sinclair, Woodstock HS, English language arts teacher

Krystle Smith Rychleski, substitute teacher

Dr. Griff Tatum, Hasty ES Fine Arts Academy, PE teacher

Valerie Wilkerson, Etowah Zone, bus driver (Reserves)

Cliff Woodburn, E.T. Booth MS, eighth-grade teacher

Dan Ziemecki, Tippens EC, Special Education paraprofessional

U.S. Coast Guard

Ofc. Mike Dames, Sequoyah HS, school police officer

Jeffrey Hutto, ACTIVE Academies, science teacher

Chris Manley, Woodstock HS, custodian (also served in U.S. Air Force)

Jackson Martinez, Hickory Flat ES, PE teacher

Dan Roman, Mill Creek MS, School Nutrition professional

U.S. Marine Corps

Tori Christen, Etowah HS, paraprofessional

David Cornn, R.M. Moore ES STEM Academy, Early Intervention Program teacher

Michael Hackney, E.T. Booth MS, seventh-grade teacher

James Hammock, Etowah HS, security monitor

Sgt. Michael Hunt, Safety & Security, Etowah/Woodstock Zone leadership

Tommy Jones, Carmel ES, Special Education teacher

Craig Lyttle, Macedonia ES, head custodian

Keith Myrick, Woodstock HS, Career Pathway JROTC teacher

Ofc. Dan Parnell, Etowah HS, school police officer

Ross Robbins, ACTIVE Academies, middle school science teacher

Ofc. Christopher Shaw, Cherokee HS, school police officer

David Sibley, Woodstock Zone, bus driver

Keith Whitaker, Cherokee HS, Career Pathway law enforcement teacher

Bobby Wiggins, Cherokee HS, Career Pathway carpentry and construction teacher

John Wilson, Dean Rusk MS, assistant principal

U.S. Navy

Monica Besterci, E.T. Booth MS, sixth-grade teacher

Ofc. Jay Brack, E.T. Booth MS, school police officer

John Breen, Teasley MS, eighth-grade teacher

Mike MacNicholl, Woodstock HS, Career Pathway JROTC teacher

Genevieve McGarry, Woodstock MS, technology and engineering teacher

Adam Moss, Support Services, warehouse assistant (Reserves)

Tim Pangonas, Woodstock HS, Career Pathway aviation teacher

Carolina Telman, Woodstock HS, school secretary

Jerry Thornton, River Ridge Zone, bus driver

Roger "Dale" Tice, Cherokee HS, security monitor

John “JW” Walters, Cherokee Zone, bus driver

Dan Wolfe, Woodstock ES, Special Education paraprofessional