

Agenda Request Form

Cherokee County School District

Meeting Date
March 21, 2019

Agenda Item Number
A-10

Title
Recognition of the Cherokee County School District Police Department in Celebration of 20 Years of Exemplary Service
Requested Action
School Board Recognition of the Cherokee County School District Police Department in Celebration of 20 Years of Exemplary Service
Summary Explanation and Background
<p>The Cherokee County School District Police Department was formed in 1999, and this year is celebrating its 20th year of exemplary service.</p> <p>Led since its establishment by Chief Mark Kissel, the Department consists of 20 police officers certified by the Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training Council, an Emergency Management Facilitator and office staff. The Department is charged with the responsibility of supporting and facilitating the educational process in order to meet the School District's Major System Priority of providing a safe and secure environment for teaching and learning.</p> <p>Since 2006, the Department has been recognized as a "Certified Agency" under the Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Program having demonstrated its commitment to law enforcement excellence by meeting or exceeding all applicable standards. This distinction is currently held by only five school district police departments in the state. The Department's many responsibilities include assigning certified police officers to each School Innovation Zone; providing proactive planning and training for school-based staff; providing parent/community safety education programs; facilitating background checks on employees and volunteers; and conducting criminal and administrative investigations.</p>
Major System Priority
Insuring that all students and staff have a safe and secure environment for teaching and learning.
Financial Impact
N/A
Exhibits: (List)
N/A

Board Action
<i>(For Official School Board Records Only)</i>

Source of Additional Information	
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Approved in Open Board Meeting on: _____ (Date)

By: _____ (School Board Chairman)