

Agenda Request Form

Cherokee County School District

Meeting Date
September 13, 2018

Agenda Item Number
A-10

Title
Approval of Renewal of Partnership Agreements with the Cherokee County Department of Juvenile Justice and the Service League of Cherokee County
Requested Action
School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Renewal of Partnership Agreements with the Cherokee County Department of Juvenile Justice and the Service League of Cherokee County
Summary Explanation and Background
<p>One of the School Board's Major System Priorities is increasing parental and community involvement through public engagement policies and practices that treat parents, businesses, community-based organizations and agencies, local institutions of higher learning and other public entities as true partners in the educational process.</p> <p>The School Board is requested to consider the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the renewal of Partnership Agreements with the Cherokee County Department of Juvenile Justice and the Service League of Cherokee County.</p>
Major System Priority
Increasing parental and community involvement
Financial Impact
N/A
Exhibits: (List)
Draft Agreement Attached

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

Source of Additional Information				
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Approved in Open Board Meeting on: _____ (Date)

By: _____ (School Board Chairman)

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

CHEROKEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
JUVENILE JUSTICE

This agreement entered into on this ~~September 6, 2012~~ September 13, 2018 by and between the Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and the Cherokee County Department of Juvenile Justice, hereinafter referred to as the "DJJ."

WHEREAS, the School Board's mission is to ~~enable all students to become contributing citizens who can communicate effectively, gather and use information, make responsible decisions and adapt to the challenges of the future~~ educate the emerging generation through learning environments designed to increase the performance of all students; and,

WHEREAS, one of the School Board's Major System Priorities is to increase parental and community involvement through public engagement policies and practices that treat parents, businesses, community-based organizations and agencies, local institutions of higher learning and other public entities as true partners in the educational process, and

WHEREAS, one of the DJJ's priorities is to improving school attendance for youth adjudicated ~~unruly for truancy~~ delinquent and to intensify probation supervision for the youth of Cherokee County.

Now therefore in consideration of the covenants and conditions set forth herein the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

The parties agree that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

ARTICLE II

The School District will:

1. Assist in the review of research and literature on at-risk behavior reduction strategies which have been planned, developed and successfully implemented in other jurisdictions.
2. Discuss the feasibility and advisability of implementing projects to address behaviors of students at-risk of dropping out of school, taking part in alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, involvement with gangs, school truancy and other unlawful or negative behaviors identified by appropriate research and literature including, but not limited to, juvenile probation services at school sites.
3. Pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interests.
4. Agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Cherokee County Department of Juvenile Justice against any claims, demands, losses or damages, including reasonable attorney's fees, which may arise as a result of this contract.

ARTICLE III

The Cherokee County DJJ will:

1. Discuss the feasibility and advisability of implementing projects to address behaviors of students at-risk of dropping out of school, taking part in alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, involvement with gangs, school truancy and other unlawful or negative behaviors identified by appropriate research and literature including, but not limited to, juvenile probation services at school sites.
2. Pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interests.
3. Agree to hold harmless and indemnify the School Board against any claims, demands, losses or damages, including reasonable attorney's fees, which may arise as a result of this contract.
4. Accept all children/interested participants for participation within its programs without regard to their gender, race, political affiliation, age, national origin or handicapping condition or any other discrimination recognized and prohibited by State or Federal Law. Children/participants with handicaps must be provided all necessary levels of supervision and must be included within the activities of the partnering organization. As a

result of this partnership agreement, the DJJ must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this contract is ~~September 6, 2012 through September 6, 2013~~ September 13, 2018 through September 13, 2019. This contract shall automatically renew for additional terms not to exceed five years unless either party notifies the other at least 60 days prior to renewal date.

ARTICLE V

This contract may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party with or without cause. All notice of this contract shall be given to the Superintendent of Cherokee County Schools at ~~110 Academy Street~~ PO Box 769, Canton, Georgia, 30169, and to the District Director for the Department of Juvenile Justice at 1615 Hickory Street, Suite 108, Dalton, Georgia 30720.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this document the first date referred to herein.

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE
JUSTICE

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD
OF EDUCATION

By: Marcia Pfister
District Director, Department
of Juvenile Justice

By: Kyla Cromer, Chairman

By: Robb Gilstrap
Regional Administrator,
Department of Juvenile
Justice

By: Dr. Brian V. Hightower
Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

Tom Roach, Esquire

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AND

THE SERVICE LEAGUE OF CHEROKEE COUNTY

This agreement entered into on this ~~6th day of September, 2012~~ 13th day of September, 2018 by and between the Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and The Service League of Cherokee County hereinafter referred to as "Service League."

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WHEREAS, one of the School Board's Major System Priorities is to increase parental and community involvement through public engagement policies and practices that treat parents, businesses, community-based organizations and agencies, local institutions of higher learning and other public entities as true partners in the educational process; and,

WHEREAS, the Service League's objective is to encourage interest in the needs of the community and to train its members for efficient service in any charitable work that may be undertaken by the governing board. Its purpose will be two-fold: THE GIVING OF PERSONAL SERVICE AND THE EARNING OF MONEY FOR CHARITY; and,

WHEREAS, charitable work undertaken by the Service League is to provide clothing, school supplies, medical and dental help, food, utilities and shelter for the children of Cherokee County.

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The School Board:

1. Will provide the use of furniture and equipment for the annual Riverfest Arts and Crafts Festival. Principals will be contacted by the Service League's Riverfest ~~Equipment-Chair~~ or designee.
2. Will provide the use of and access to ~~the Teacher Work Center at ACE Academy~~ print and copy services as available.
3. ~~Will provide the use of the Cherokee High School, Canton Elementary School and Central Office parking lots at the annual Riverfest Arts and Crafts Festival, with proper evidence of insurance provided to the Office of Public Information in accordance with Facility Use Guidelines. The principals and site location supervisor will be contacted by Service League Gate Control/Traffic Control Co-Chairs.~~
4. Provide the use of school system facilities for Service League functions/meetings/activities as available, waiving the rental fee as per the Community Use of System Facilities Policy (KG).
5. Will promote Service League programs through existing communication channels.
6. Assist in providing qualified candidates from CCSD's graduating class each spring to be considered by the Service League's scholarship committee.
7. Will pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interests.

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Service League will:

1. Provide monthly casework (includes eye exams and glasses, dental work, medical visits, school supplies, clothes, special needs requests, etc.) for

students. Letters to school principals and counselors will be sent in August, informing the schools of the League's function and contact information. Over \$50,000 in services was received by Cherokee County students and parents in 2017-18.

2. Abide by the rules and regulations contained in the facility use contract at each facility and those contained in the Community Use of System Facilities Policy (KG), including custodial and supervisory fees when applicable.
3. Provide funds as available for special projects. Each February spring, letters are sent to local agencies and to each school informing them of the process to apply for funds from the League. These funds cover requests for specific ~~items such as computer software or books for the media center and field trip requests. Last year, the Service League gave funds to go toward school food pantries, starter kits, medical supplies, field trips and Christmas assistance and over \$19,000 in additional resources for the students of Cherokee County.~~ ideas and projects that will make a positive impact on children aligned with the Service League's mission of assisting children and families with children in need in Cherokee County. In 2018 the Service League awarded \$35,000 for special projects.
4. Provide Christmas assistance to identified families in need. Each November, school counselors are given information regarding the Service League's Christmas Children program. In 2018 the League assisted over 200 families in Cherokee County with Christmas totaling more than \$30,000.
5. Provide scholarships to high school students. Each spring, the counselors at each of the School District's high schools are given information regarding the Service League scholarship(s). In 2017-18 the League presented \$25,000 in ~~\$1,000~~ scholarships to deserving seniors. Scholarships are awarded based on applications received and League funds available each year.
6. Accept all children/interested participants for participation within its programs without regard to their gender, race, political affiliation, age, national origin or handicapping condition or any other discrimination recognized and prohibited by State or Federal Law. Children/participants with handicaps must be provided all necessary levels of supervision and must be included within the activities of the partnering organization. As a result of this partnership agreement, the Service League must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.
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CHEROKEE COUNTY SERVICE
LEAGUE

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD
OF EDUCATION

Service League of Cherokee County,
President Julie Little

By: Kyla Cromer, Chairman

By: Dr. Brian V. Hightower
Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

Tom Roach, Esquire