

# Agenda Request Form

## Cherokee County School District

Meeting Date
August 16, 2018

Agenda Item Number
A-8

Title
Approval of New Partnership Agreement with LGE Community Credit Union and Renewal of Partnership Agreement with American Legion Posts 45 and 316 and American Legion Auxiliary Units 45 and 316
Requested Action
School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve New Partnership Agreement with LGE Community Credit Union and Renewal of Partnership Agreement with American Legion Posts 45 and 316 and American Legion Auxiliary Units 45 and 316
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 a new Partnership Agreement with LGE Community Credit Union and renew a partnership agreement with American Legion Posts 45 and 316 and American Legion Auxiliary Units 45 and 316.</p>
Major System Priority
Increasing parental and community involvement
Financial Impact
N/A
Exhibits: (List)
Draft Agreements and Addendum 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  
LGE COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

This agreement entered into on this 16th Day of August, 2018, by and between The Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and LGE Community Credit Union, hereinafter referred to as "LGE."

WHEREAS, the School Board's mission is to 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, LGE Officers participate in various School Board functions and encourage staff to support the Cherokee County School District.

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 Board will:

1. Promote applicable LGE programs, such as the scholarship for a graduating CCSD senior and the "We Love Educators" incentives, using existing communication channels, such as the Virtual Community Bulletin Board and the Employee Discount Marketplace, as School Board Policy permits.
2. Assist in providing qualified candidates from CCSD's graduating class each spring to be considered by LGE's scholarship committee.

3. Explore/pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interest.

### ARTICLE III

LGE will:

1. Participate in various CCSD events and programs (Career Days; Senior Project Boards; Job Fairs; Career, Technical & Agricultural Education (CTAE) classes; School Advisory Councils; PTA).

2. Support a least one school in each of the Canton and Woodstock branches' areas through a Partners in Education agreement.

3. Sponsor, at the Title Sponsor Level at a cost not to exceed \$2,500, CCSD's Scholar Recognition Banquet for valedictorians and salutatorians and their parents, an honored teacher, and their Principal.

4. Sponsor, at the Title Co-sponsor Level at a cost not to exceed \$2,500, CCSD's Superintendent's Key Scholar Recognition Ceremony for outstanding high school sophomores and their families.

5. Sponsor, at the Title Sponsor Level, CCSD's Office of Curriculum & Instruction December Staff Breakfast.

6. Provide LGE Financial Education 101-type programs to interested schools' students, parents and/or staff upon arrangement with the Principal.

7. Provide a one-time \$5,000 scholarship to one qualified candidate from CCSD's graduating class each spring beginning with the 2018-19 School Year and present this scholarship award at a School Board meeting each spring.

8. Offer "We Love Educators" incentives, which total \$250, to all CCSD employees who meet LGE requirements (see attachment).

9. Offer all interested CCSD high schools the opportunity to sell "school spirit" debit or credit cards as a fundraiser, with a percentage share of revenue returned to participating schools.

10. Explore/pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interest.

11. 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 Agreement, LGE Community Credit Union must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

12. 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 Agreement.

#### ARTICLE IV

The term of this Agreement is August 16, 2018 through August 16, 2019. This Agreement 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 Agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party with or without cause. All notice of this Agreement shall be given to the Superintendent of Cherokee County Schools at PO Box 769, Canton, Georgia, 30169, and to the President and CEO of LGE Community Credit Union, 430 Commerce Park Drive, Marietta, GA 30060.

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

LGE COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF  
EDUCATION

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By: Chris Leggett, President and CEO

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By: Kyla Cromer, Chairman

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By: Dr. Brian V. Hightower  
Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

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Tom Roach, Esquire

# We Love Educators!

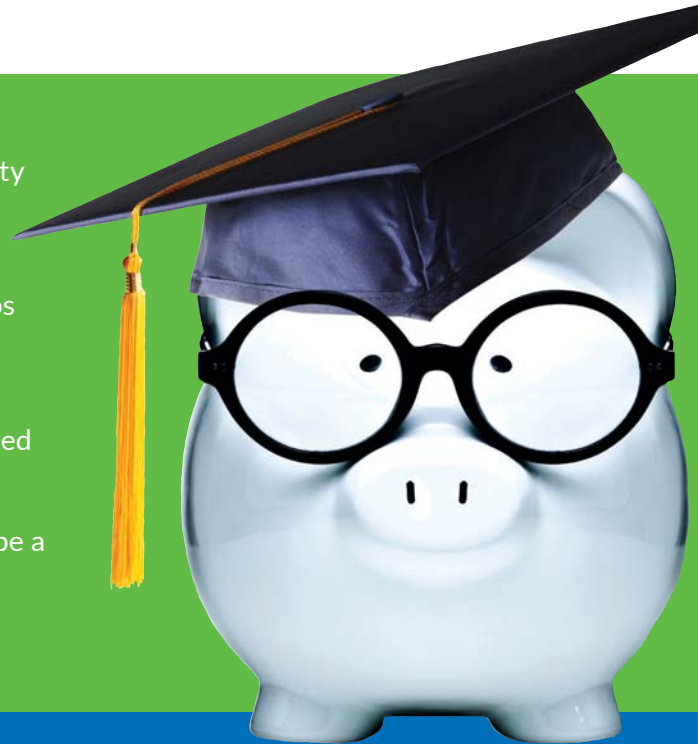


As an institution founded on people helping people, LGE Community Credit Union believes teaming up with the Cobb County School District (CCSD) is a natural fit.

Throughout the years, we have had the honor of building relationships with many of you and we've seen firsthand the time, energy and resources that go into educating and supporting the students and families of Cobb County. In appreciation of your dedication to strengthening our community through student success, we are excited to present a special offer for CCSD employees (see back for details).

We look forward to working with you. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your team.

LGE Community Credit Union





# Get Up To \$250!

LGE offers a smarter way to bank for Cobb County School District employees and their families. New account specials available until November 30!

**GET \$150** WHEN YOU OPEN A HIGH REWARDS CHECKING ACCOUNT WITH DIRECT DEPOSIT<sup>1</sup>  
You'll also earn almost 15X what most banks pay.

**GET \$50** AFTER YOU MAKE 3 PURCHASES WITH A NEW VISA® CREDIT CARD<sup>2</sup>  
Earn 1% cash back on credit card purchases.<sup>3</sup>

**GET UP TO \$50** AND 5.00% APY<sup>4</sup> ON A YOUTH ACCOUNT<sup>5</sup>  
We'll match your opening deposit up to \$50! We have three accounts for all ages.



Visit an LGE branch to take advantage of these great offers.

For a list of locations, visit [LGEccu.org](http://LGEccu.org).

Offers valid 09/06/2017-11/30/2017 ("promotional period") but may be withdrawn at any time. Membership eligibility and \$5 minimum balance required to maintain base savings account. Fees could reduce earnings on accounts. Bonuses may be taxable. Terms and conditions apply. Offers may not be combined with similar product offers.

<sup>1</sup> Offer is only valid for new or existing members who open a new High Rewards Checking (HRC) account with direct deposit. Direct deposit must be received within 30 days of account opening. Qualified accounts will receive a \$150 deposit into the checking account within 10 business days after the initial direct deposit is received. This is a variable rate account and rate may change without notice after the account is opened. If qualifying criteria are not met, it will become a non-dividend bearing account. Visit [LGEccu.org/checking](http://LGEccu.org/checking) for qualifying criteria for HRC.

<sup>2</sup> Offer is only valid for new credit card accounts. \$50 credit is applied to credit card after 3 transactions have cleared the account. The 3 transactions must clear the account within 30 days of opening the card in order to receive \$50 credit. Credit is applied to card within 10 business days after the third transaction has cleared the account. All loans subject to approval.

<sup>3</sup> This benefit is available if you meet the High Rewards Checking account qualifications. Cash back reward is based on your LGE® Visa Credit Card "Net Spend". Net Spend is any eligible purchases made during the calendar month not during the credit card billing cycle. Excluded transactions include, but are not limited to, insurance payments, fees assessed, cash advances, balance transfers, and interest paid. Posted credits, unauthorized charges, and items returned during the calendar month may decrease the amount of net spend eligible for cash back. Rewards are posted on the first business day of each month for prior month activity. Accounts and loans that become and/or remain in delinquent status may not be eligible for cash back rewards. LGE Visa Credit Card must be on the same account as your High Rewards Checking to be eligible for the cash back reward.

<sup>4</sup> Current APY (Annual Percentage Yield) as of 09/01/17 is 5.00% and applies only to Dollar Dog, Cha-Ching!, and The Edge Youth Savings Accounts for balances up to \$500; balances greater than \$500 earn lower rate. When applicable, each rate will be indicated on your statement separately. This is a variable rate account and rate may change without notice after the account is opened. Dollar Dog Kids Club<sup>SM</sup>, Cha-Ching!<sup>SM</sup>, and The Edge<sup>®</sup> are licensed service marks of Marketing Partners, Bethlehem, PA.

<sup>5</sup> Offer is only valid for new members who open a new Youth Savings Account, or existing members who convert an existing Custodial Savings Account to a Youth Savings Account. Matching deposit (up to \$50) is available on initial deposit made after account opening/conversion for Dollar Dog, Cha-Ching!, and Edge Savings accounts only (up to age 22), which will be received within 10 business days.

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

AMERICAN LEGION POSTS 45 AND 316

AND

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNITS 45 AND 316

This agreement entered into on this ~~17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012~~ 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018 by and between the Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and the American Legion Posts 45 and 316 and American Legion Auxiliary Units 45 and 316, hereinafter referred to as "American Legion."

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, the American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, mutual-help, war-time veterans organization, and

WHEREAS, the American Legion is a community service organization which now numbers nearly ~~3~~ 2 million members in nearly ~~15,000~~ 13,000 Posts worldwide (over 500 members in Posts 45 and 316).

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 Board will:

1. ~~Transportation Department will work cooperatively with American Legion officials in order to arrange for a bus lease agreement for shuttle services for the Annual Boys and Girls State program.~~
2. Provide the use of school system facilities for American Legion functions/programs/contests as available, waiving the rental fee as per the Community Use of System Facilities Policy (KG).
3. Promote American Legion programs through existing communication channels, including nominating students for various American Legion awards, scholarships and contests. The American Legion each spring will provide CCSD with a calendar of its student awards, scholarships and contests for the upcoming school year.
4. Provide the opportunity for each of the high school JROTC programs to present the colors or conduct a drill and ceremony display at American Legion's monthly meeting.
5. Permit graduating high school seniors who have made a pre-commitment to military service (and provide the American Legion with verification of this commitment) to wear special graduation cords purchased by the American Legion at commencement.
6. Pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interests.

## ARTICLE III

American Legion will:

1. Provide scholarship opportunities (including cost of program and transportation) for Cherokee County students to attend the annual Boys and Girls State program.
2. Provide JROTC awards for a student at each of the high school JROTC programs on Honors Day/Night at their respective schools.

3. Conduct a middle school essay contest. Local winners receive a \$50 United States Savings Bond.
4. Provide assistance and participation in school Veterans Day programs, as well as a United States flag to each school, (with the size to be determined by the American Legion), as requested.
5. Conduct the American Legion School Awards program, honoring two students from each school with the American Legion School Medals Award. Each student is selected based on their patriotism, honor, service, courage, leadership and scholarship.
6. Conduct the American Legion National High School ~~Constitutional Speech~~ Oratorical Contest at a no more than two Cherokee County school sites during the upcoming school year. Winners at the local level can advance through district, state area, department and national competitions.
7. 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.
8. ~~Will work cooperatively with the School Board's Transportation Department to arrange for a bus lease agreement and will provide proof of insurance and compensation for mileage and drivers, if necessary for shuttle service to Boys and Girls State.~~
9. Provide a list of each Post's veteran classroom speakers, activities to foster patriotic activities, and information relative to Flag Education and other American Legion educational activities/programs.
10. Provide information regarding American Legion scholarships to the counseling departments of each high school in a timely manner so that eligible students have adequate time to prepare and submit completed scholarship forms.
11. Provide information to elementary and middle school counselors regarding the American Legion Operation Comfort Warrior Program, through which the Posts and Auxiliary Units would provide food, clothing and other support, as needed, to low-income veteran families.
12. Provide special cords purchased by the Posts and Auxiliary Units to high school graduating seniors who have made a pre-commitment to military

service (and provide the American Legion with verification of this commitment) to wear at commencement.

13. Pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interests.
14. 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, American Legion must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

#### ARTICLE IV

The term of this contract is ~~May 17, 2012 through May 16, 2013~~ August 16, 2018 through August 16, 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 30114, and to the Post Commander, American Legion, Post 45, P.O. Box 982, Canton, Georgia 3011469.

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

AMERICAN LEGION, POST 45

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD  
OF EDUCATION

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Raymond Rollins,  
Post 45 Commander

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By: Kyla Cromer, Chairman

AMERICAN LEGION, POST 316

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By: Dr. Brian V. Hightower  
Superintendent of Schools

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Irma Martin, Commander

Approved as to form:

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Tom Roach, Esquire