

Agenda Request Form

Cherokee County School District

Meeting Date
November 15, 2018

Agenda Item Number
A-9

Title
Recognition of CCSD VILLA Program Class of 2018 Participants
Requested Action
School Board Recognition of CCSD VILLA Program Class of 2018 Participants
Summary Explanation and Background
<p>The Cherokee County School District's second annual VILLA Program, which encourages and celebrates parent engagement, concludes with class graduation tonight!</p> <p>The parent academy program began last year in CCSD as a pilot initiative developed with the Georgia School Boards Association and with the support of Cherokee County School Board Chair Kyla Cromer, who championed the idea during her re-election campaign. VILLA (Volunteer Instructional Leadership Learning Academy) is a free six-week program that offers participants the opportunity to learn more about the public schools in their community. Topics including school operations, governance, funding and accountability are covered in classes that include presentations by CCSD staff and question-and-answer sessions with the School Board and Superintendent of Schools, as well as a field trip to schools.</p> <p>Costs associated with the program are funded through the generous sponsorship of Credit Union of Georgia, a CCSD Partner. Class size is limited, with participants selected by application (the 2019 application window will begin in May); classes are held in the fall and culminate with graduation at the School Board's November meeting.</p>
Major System Priority
Increasing parental and community involvement
Financial Impact
N/A
Exhibits: (List)
List of VILLA Class of 2018 Participants

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)

2018 VILLA CLASS

CHEROKEE

Tiffany Bird
Brandy DeBord
Maria Riera-Palomeque
Jeff Rusbridge

CREEKVIEW

Jason Blakey
Amanda Malone

ETOWAH

Maria Benitez
Latresse Bray
Nick Carberry
Nathan Padilla
Robert "Trey" Ragsdale
Brandy Stegall

RIVER RIDGE

Rob Epstein
Kara Gagnon
Scarlett Giles
Olga Spivey

SEQUOYAH

Michael Keehley
Lindsey Upchurch

WOODSTOCK

René Kalata

COMMUNITY

John Wallace
Allison Yeomans