

Agenda Request Form

Cherokee County School District

Meeting Date
November 16, 2017

Agenda Item Number
A-5

Title
Recognition of Clark Creek Elementary School STEM Academy Teacher Karen Garland for Being Named Georgia Conservation Teacher of the Year
Requested Action
School Board Recognition of Clark Creek Elementary School STEM Academy Teacher Karen Garland for Being Named Georgia Conservation Teacher of the Year
Summary Explanation and Background
<p>Clark Creek Elementary School STEM Academy Discovery Science Lab teacher Karen Garland has been named the Georgia Conservation Teacher of the Year and won a \$1,000 grant from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.</p> <p>The award is given annually to one third- through fifth-grade public or private school teacher in Georgia who demonstrates exceptional energy and innovation in teaching life sciences.</p> <p>Ms. Garland will use the grant to begin the “Campaigning for Pollinators” project, which was inspired by her students' idea to convert a monoculture of grass outside their school into a healthy habitat for pollinators like butterflies, bees and hummingbirds. The judges were impressed that the project is student-driven and by its cross-curricular creativity, student collaboration across grade levels and in-kind donations. The project also will be funded with donations from Lowe's, Cherokee County Master Gardeners, Save Our Monarchs and Monarchs Across Georgia.</p>
Major System Priority
Attracting and Retaining the Best Teachers and Support Staff
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)