

Agenda Request Form

Cherokee County School District

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October 19, 2017

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Title
Recognition of CCSD High School Seniors Named 2018 National Merit Semi-Finalists
Requested Action
School Board Recognition of CCSD High School Seniors Named 2018 National Merit Semi-Finalists
Summary Explanation and Background
<p>Five CCSD high school seniors were recently named 2018 National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists! They are: of Etowah HS, Joseph Young; of River Ridge HS, twin sisters, Claire and Irene Chen, and Simon Yang; of Woodstock, Preston Alsup.</p> <p>The National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which oversees the prestigious competition, has named 16,000 semi-finalists, who were selected from a pool of 1.6 Million students based on outstanding 2016 PSAT scores. Less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors are named semi-finalists.</p> <p>To be considered as a finalist, the students next will submit a detailed application noting their academic achievements, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors; an endorsement and recommendation from a high school official; and an essay. Students also must earn SAT scores that confirm their PSAT performance.</p> <p>The anticipated 15,000 finalists will compete for 7,500 scholarships worth about \$32 million, which will be awarded in the spring.</p>
Major System Priority
Improving Student Achievement
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)