

Agenda Request Form

Cherokee County School District

Meeting Date
March 16, 2017

Agenda Item Number
A-4

Title
Recognition of CCSD High School Seniors Named 2017 National Merit Finalists
Requested Action
School Board Recognition of CCSD High School Seniors Named 2017 National Merit Finalists
Summary Explanation and Background
<p>Six CCSD high school seniors have qualified as finalists in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship competition!</p> <p>They are: of Creekview HS, Jack Pace; of River Ridge HS, Anabelle Paulino; of Sequoyah HS, Katie Bates and Alex Morrison; and of Woodstock HS, Alex Andon and A.J. Cox.</p> <p>The National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which oversees the prestigious competition, narrowed the finalists down from a group of 16,000 semi-finalists nationally, who were selected based on outstanding 2015 PSAT scores. Less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors are named finalists. To be considered as a finalist, the students submitted detailed applications 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>Finalists will compete for 7,500 scholarships worth about \$33 million, which will be awarded in the spring. Approximately half of all finalists will win a scholarship. In the National Merit® Scholarship Program, three types of Merit Scholarship® awards are offered to Finalists: National Merit \$2500 Scholarships, corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards, and college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards. Special Scholarships are awarded to outstanding students who are not finalists and meet a corporate sponsor's criteria.</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)