

# Agenda Request Form

Cherokee County School District

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October 18, 2018

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Title
Recognition of CCSD High School Seniors Named 2019 National Merit Semifinalists
Requested Action
School Board Recognition of CCSD High School Seniors Named 2019 National Merit Semifinalists
Summary Explanation and Background
<p>Five CCSD high school seniors were recently named 2019 National Merit Scholarship semifinalists! They are: of Cherokee HS, Anne Greer; of Creekview HS, Noah Tetpon; of Etowah HS, Kieran Black; of River Ridge HS, Mia McMahill; and of Sequoyah HS, Natasha Ambriz-Villela.</p> <p>The National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which oversees the prestigious competition, has named 16,000 semifinalists, who were selected from a pool of 1.6 Million students based on outstanding 2017 PSAT scores. Less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors are named semifinalists.</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 \$31 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)