



Agenda Request Form

| Meeting Date | Agenda Item Number |
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| September 17, 2020 | A-1 |

| Title |
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| Recognition of Cherokee County School District High School Seniors Named 2021 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists |
| Requested Action |
| School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District High School Seniors Named 2021 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists |
| Summary Explanation and Background |
| <p>Five Cherokee County School District high school seniors were named 2021 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists!</p> <p>They are: of Cherokee HS, Dylan Iovino; of Creekview HS, Nathan Davis; of Etowah HS, Ben Willett; of River Ridge HS, Nicholas Audinet; and of Sequoyah HS, Jeremy Jeong.</p> <p>The National Merit Scholarship Corporation oversees the prestigious competition, and this month named 16,000 semi-finalists, who were chosen from 1.5 Million students based on exceptional 2019 PSAT scores. Less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors earn the title of semifinalist.</p> <p>For the next level of competition, the students will complete an application detailing 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 must additionally have earned SAT scores that confirm their PSAT performance.</p> <p>National Merit then will announce the 15,000 finalists, who will compete for 7,600 scholarships worth about \$30 million to be awarded in the spring.</p> |
| Priority Area |
| Student Achievement: Equity and Access |
| Financial Impact |
| N/A |
| Exhibits: (List) |
| N/A |
| Source of Additional Information |
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