Agenda Request Form

Cherokee County School District

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
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Title

Recognition of Cherokee County School District High School Seniors Named 2020 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Requested Action

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Summary Explanation and Background

Six Cherokee County School District high school seniors have been named 2020 National Merit Scholarship semifinalists!

They are: of Cherokee High School, Anna DeYoung; of Creekview High School, Jack Eno and Lyriel Todd; of River Ridge High School, Alicia Mazzurra and Sathvika Narasimhan; of Woodstock High School, Dayne J. Bergman.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which oversees the prestigious competition, has named 16,000 semifinalists, who were selected from a pool of 1.5 Million students based on outstanding 2018 PSAT scores. Less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors are named semifinalists.

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.

The anticipated 15,000 finalists will compete for 7,600 scholarships worth about $31 million, which will be awarded in the spring.

Major System Priority

Improving Student Achievement

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Board Action	Source of Additional Information
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