Cherokee County School District

# Agenda Request Form

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## Title

Recognition of Cherokee County School District High School Seniors Named 2023 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

## Requested Action

School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District High School Seniors Named 2023 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

## Summary Explanation and Background

Five Cherokee County School District high school seniors were named 2023 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists!

They are: of Cherokee HS, Griffen C. Bon and Braden R. Flournoy; of Creekview HS, Kylie A. Buchanan; of Etowah HS, Ty S. Phillips; and of Sequoyah HS, Paige L. Falcomata. Less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors earn National Merit Semifinalist recognition.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation oversees the prestigious competition, and today named 16,000 semi-finalists, who were chosen from 1.5 Million students based on exceptional 2020 PSAT scores.

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.

National Merit then will announce the 15,000 finalists, who will compete for 7,500 scholarships worth about $30 million to be awarded in the spring.

## Priority Area

Student Achievement: Access and Opportunity

## Financial Impact

N/A

## Exhibits: (List)

N/A

## Source of Additional Information

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