Agenda Request Form

Cherokee County School District

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
June 15, 2017	A-8

Title

Recognition of 2017 Etowah High School Graduate Drew Waters -- 2016-17 Gatorade Georgia Baseball Player of the Year

Requested Action

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Summary Explanation and Background

The Gatorade Company announced Drew Waters of the Class AAAAAAA State Champion Etowah HS Eagles is its 2016-17 Gatorade Georgia Baseball Player of the Year! Drew, the first Gatorade Georgia Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Etowah HS in the award's 32 years, now is a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year!

The award, which in the past has been won at the State level by players including Derek Jeter, Jon Lester, David Price and Clayton Kershaw, recognizes outstanding athletic excellence, high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character on and off the field. As Georgia's Gatorade Player of the Year, Drew will be able to select a national or local youth sports organization to receive a $1,000 grant as part of the Gatorade Play It Forward program, and Drew selected FCA.

An outfielder, Drew led the Eagles to a 26-16 record and State Championship, batting .494 with 13 home runs, 35 RBI and 43 runs scored through 42 games, with a 1.126 slugging percentage. Drew, who earned a 92.1 grade point average in the classroom, volunteered for Goshen Valley Boys Ranch and Never Alone Food & Clothing Outreach Center and helped raise more than $12,000 for the family whose son was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Drew has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Georgia this fall, but is projected as an early round selection in June's Major League Baseball draft. He is ranked as the nation's No. 11 recruit in the Class of 2017 by Perfect Game and No. 33 by Baseball America.

Major System Priority

Improving Student Achievement

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Board Action	Source of Additional Information
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Approved in Open Board Meeting on: _____
(Date)

By: _____
(School Board Chairman)

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