



# Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
June 20, 2024	Recognition Item 3

**Title**  
District, State Science Olympiad

**Requested Action**  
School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District Countywide and Statewide Science Olympiad Competition First Place Winners

**Summary Explanation and Background**

More than 525 students from elementary schools throughout CCSD competed in the Cherokee County Science Olympiad, which offered 18 science challenges and the third annual CCSD Speed Building Competition. Cobb Electric Membership Corporation and Gas South sponsor the annual event, which gives students the opportunity to test their knowledge and skill in STEM challenges.

The overall winning teams, tied for first place, are: Hickory Flat Elementary School -- Team 1 and Holly Springs ES STEM Academy -- Team 1. It's the third year in a row for Hickory Flat ES to win or tie for first place. Both teams advanced to the State competition held at Kennesaw State University last month.

At the State Elementary Science Olympiad Competition, students from six CCSD schools -- Avery ES, Ball Ground ES STEM Academy, Hickory Flat ES, Holly Springs ES STEM Academy, Johnston ES and Liberty ES - competed against 42 other teams from around the state.

Four students from Holly Springs ES STEM Academy earned first place state honors; rising sixth-grader Parker Harlow and rising fifth-grader Conrad Salling earned first place in the state in Data Crunchers and rising fifth-graders Caleb Anderson and Adelyn Chettiar earned first place in the state in Simple Machines. Their coaches are teachers Naticia Zocca, head coach, and Ashley Adams, assistant coach.

**Financial Impact**  
N/A

**Exhibits: (List)**  
Team Lists

**Source of Additional Information**

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## ES SCIENCE OLYMPIAD FIRST PLACE TEAMS (TIED)

### **Hickory Flat ES - Team 1**

#### **Coaches:**

Colton Christian

Michelle Kozak

#### **Team members:**

Abigail Amos

Ridhaan Baral

Morgan Burge

Emma Echt

Colton Goss

Eden Holm

Kael Jasman

Brenten Jennings

Jules Kennery

Olivia Kulp

Joseph Lenyszyn

Max Losner

Ava McCord

Ava Murray

Kyra Parekh

Graham Plousis

Shri Sanevelly

Emma Santana

Max Silverman

Charvik Sirivella

Perla Sula

Couper West

### **Holly Springs ES STEM Academy - Team 1**

#### **Coaches:**

Naticia Zocca

Ashley Adams

#### **Team members:**

Caleb Anderson

Adelyn Chettiar

Collin Cook

Carson Dye

Lillian Essig

Evan Hargraves

Max Harlow

Parker Harlow

Sofia Helton

Corbin Johnson

Xavier Michael

Ryan Murphy

Zelda Nagel

Karina Polyachuk

Gabriella Quesada

Logan Quesada

Jaxson Reno

Conrad Salling

Hugh Smith

Leyah Webb

Will Wright