Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
October 17, 2024	Recognition Item 1

Title

National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Summary Explanation and Background

Four Cherokee County School District high school seniors were named 2025 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists.

Congratulations to: Maja Brooker, Kevin Duncan and Alfred Tang of River Ridge High School, and Robert Raymer of Sequoyah High School! Less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors achieve this honor.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation oversees the prestigious competition, and today named 16,000 semi-finalists, who were chosen from 1.3 Million students based on exceptional 2023 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.

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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