



THORNTON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

APRIL 10, 2024

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OPEN SESSION

C A L L T O O R D E R

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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- A. Report from Finance Committee
- B. Report from Policy Committee
- C. Report from Discipline Committee
- D. Report from Facilities Committee

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session Minutes** dated March 13, 2024
- B. Approval of the Special Board Meeting and Executive Session Minutes** dated March 18, 2024
- C. Approval of District 205 Bills:** Dated March 14, 2024 through April 9, 2024
- D. Personnel:** Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires & Terminations dated April 9, 2024

CONSENT AGENDA

E. Ratifications:

- i. Approval of the Thornton IHSA State Drama Final Overnight, Rock Falls, IL, March 21-23, 2024
- ii. Approval of the Thornwood Girls Track & Field Tyson & Trinity Gray Invitational, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, April 4-6, 2024
- iii. Approval of the Thornwood Boys Track & Field, Skippy Keefer Relays & Washington University College Tour, St. Louis, MO, April 5-7, 2024

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

We now open the Public Participation section of our agenda. At this time, members of the community are invited to address the Board. We ask that you state your name and town, limit your total time to two minutes, and talk only about items on the current Board Agenda.

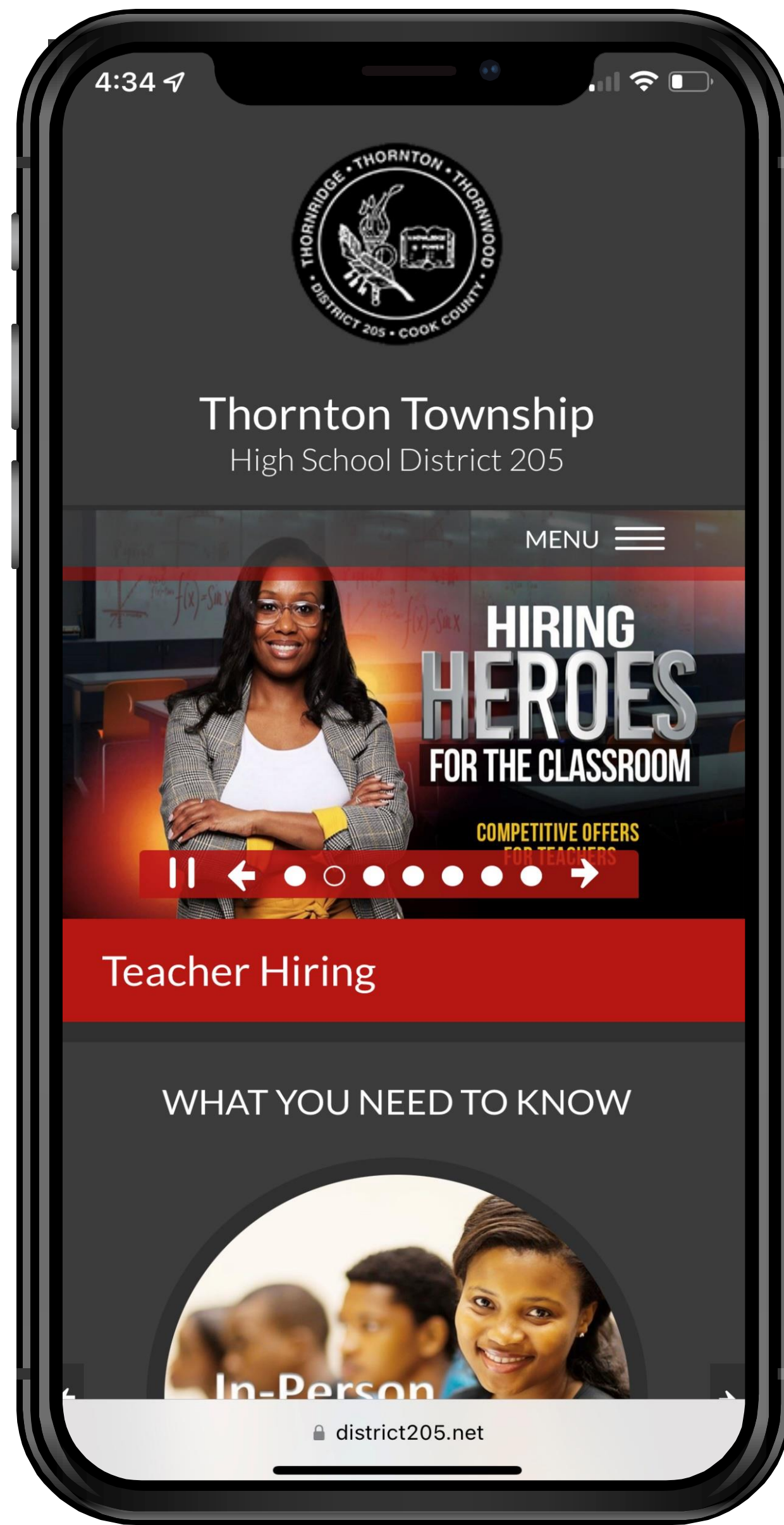
In addition, if your comments are of a critical nature about specific people, the Board requests that you present your comments during the personnel portion of the “executive session.”

Your name will not be called if you do not sign in and list a topic or the topic is not on the current Board agenda or if public participation has begun.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

DR. DOSS





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COMMUNICATIONS

N E W S F R O M T H E S C H O O L S

MR. FICKES

THORNTON

W I L D C A T S

On Friday, March 15th, Thornton hosted its first Ramadan "Fast-a-thon." Students learned about Islam, Ramadan, and even participated in fasting. The night culminated in sharing the evening meal (Iftar). It was amazing to see the Thornton community come together during this special time. Events like this are essential in fostering understanding and appreciation for diverse cultures and traditions that enrich our district.

Special Thank You to
Ms. Vhora and Ms. Villarreal
for organizing this wonderful event!



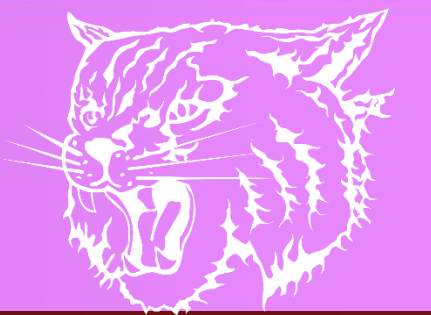
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Q3 Honor Roll Celebration

CONGRATULATIONS!

111	Freshmen Students
84	Sophomore Students
111	Junior Students
124	Senior Students



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W I L D C A T S

28 students and 10 chaperones attended an out of state, all-expense paid trip (covered by Mielle Cares) to Washington, DC during Spring Break (April 1st thru April 4th, 2024)

Below are a few of the places that the students visited:

- Georgetown and Howard Universities
- African American Museum
- Private White House Experience



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Thornwood Thunderbirds



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Congratulations!

to Senior Deven West, who has been accepted to
YALE UNIVERSITY, an Ivy League research university in New Haven, Connecticut!



Yale University



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Thornwood High School
is a member of the
National Speech & Debate Association!

Members earn recognition through points and degrees
in the NSDA Honor Society.

Each new degree represents hours of learning, practice,
and improvement by your students
thanks to dedicated coaching.

The following degrees were earned at
Thornwood High School from 03/01 - 03/31:

Jociaya Edwards - Special Distinction



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Maggie Butler *(Thornwood Athletic Trainer)* **Featured on Channel 7 News**

Maggie Butler, an athletic trainer at Thornwood HS, was surprised and honored with the National #MakingADifferenceOnANDOffTheField Award.

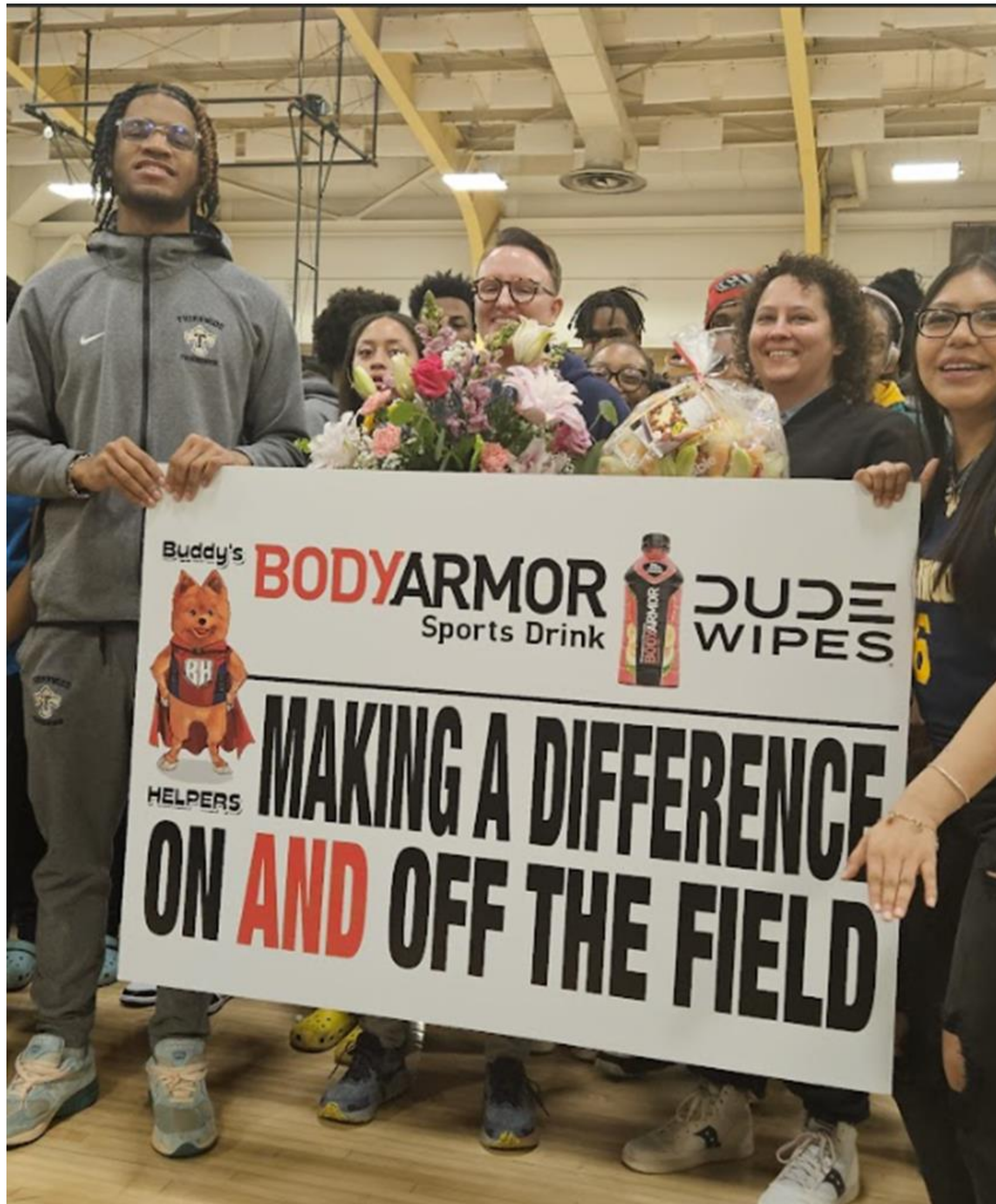
March marks the 99th consecutive month of the special award, which uses the #PowerOfSport to spotlight those enhancing the lives of others.

While Maggie is 1 of 1,000s of athletic trainers throughout #Illinois, she is the lone athletic trainer at Thornwood for 15 sports and 100s of student athletes. Maggie works 6 days a week.

Sometimes people tend to forget that athletic trainers are truly working on the physical and mental aspects at times, because you can't see a #mental injury the same way you can see a physical injury. When student athletes are sidelined, sometimes it's more of a mental challenge to work through the recovery process to feel comfortable and confident again.

Also important to remember: Athletic trainers may be the only true health care professional that some student athletes see due to financial reasons.

Maggie has worked with professional athletes and college athletes, but she says she prefers working with high school student athletes because they're still learning and growing.



BRAVO



Kudos to our Quarter 3 Honor Roll Students

Amarra Lewis	Dorian Pope
Alonzo Johnson	Anthony Collins
Dedrick Jacobs	Raniya Kimbrough
Nasir Samuels	Jakayla Walker
Rashod Stamps	Tristian Monroe



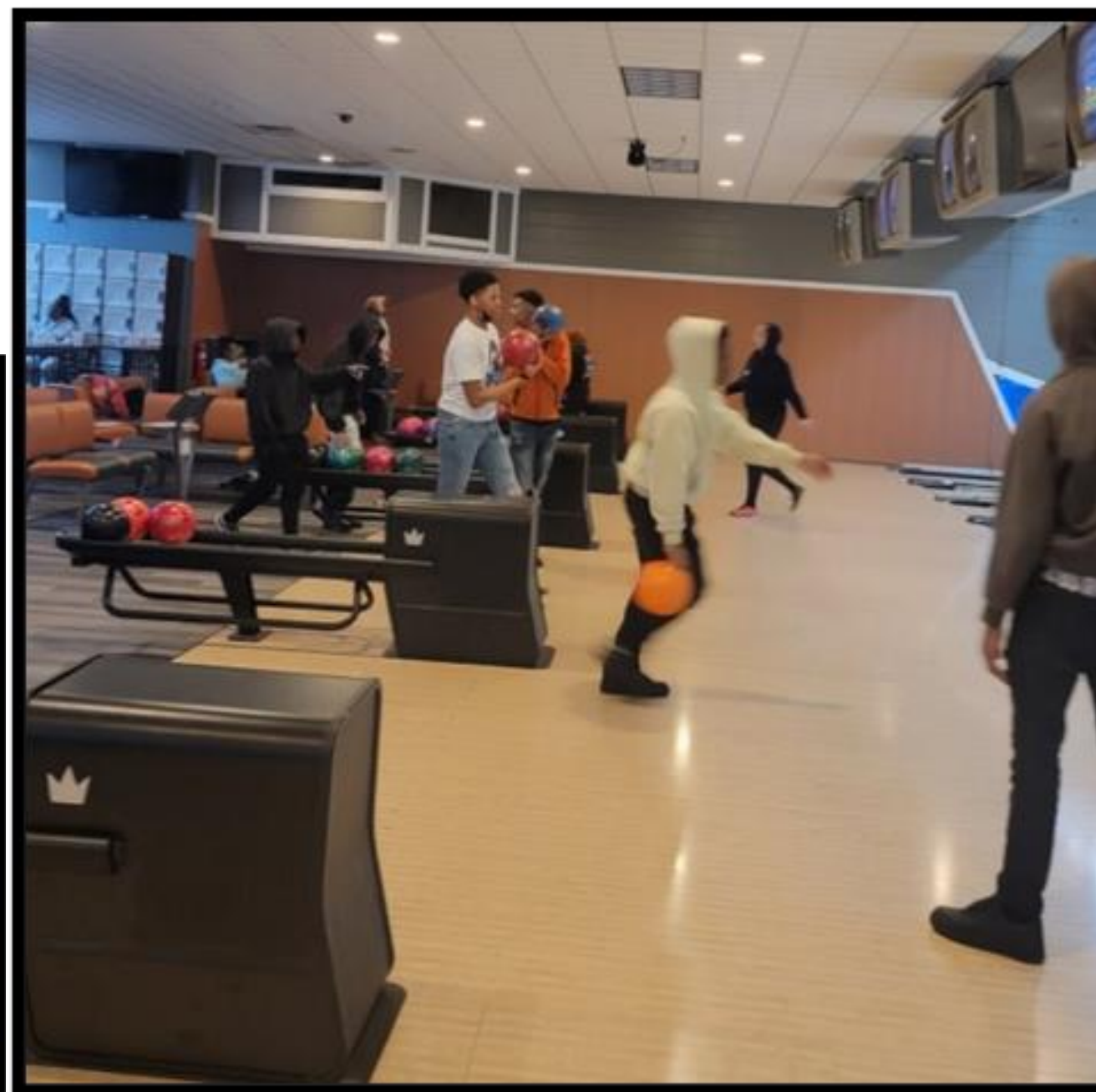
Special Recognition for Quarter 3 Most Improved Students

JaQui Gray
Desean Criglear
Tristian Monroe
Jahkara Ramsey

"Rolling Into Success Together!"

"Last month, our students embarked on an unforgettable journey of fun and camaraderie as they earned a thrilling bowling trip through their exceptional attendance and exemplary behavior! This initiative not only celebrates their achievements but reinforces the importance of commitment and positive conduct in our school community.

Here's to more striking success ahead!"





"Nurturing Curiosity and Creating Unforgettable Learning Experiences Together!"

"Our Peace Center students paused from routine to observe the solar eclipse, bonding over this awe-inspiring moment. Through shared wonder, they fostered community spirit, igniting curiosity and unity among peers."



Special Olympics – Swim Team



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Southern Cook County Special Olympics Qualifying Meet was held on March 23 at Stagg HS. Thornwood entered 5 swimmers, all of whom swam personal bests in all events. This is the first time TW will be represented at the state meet.

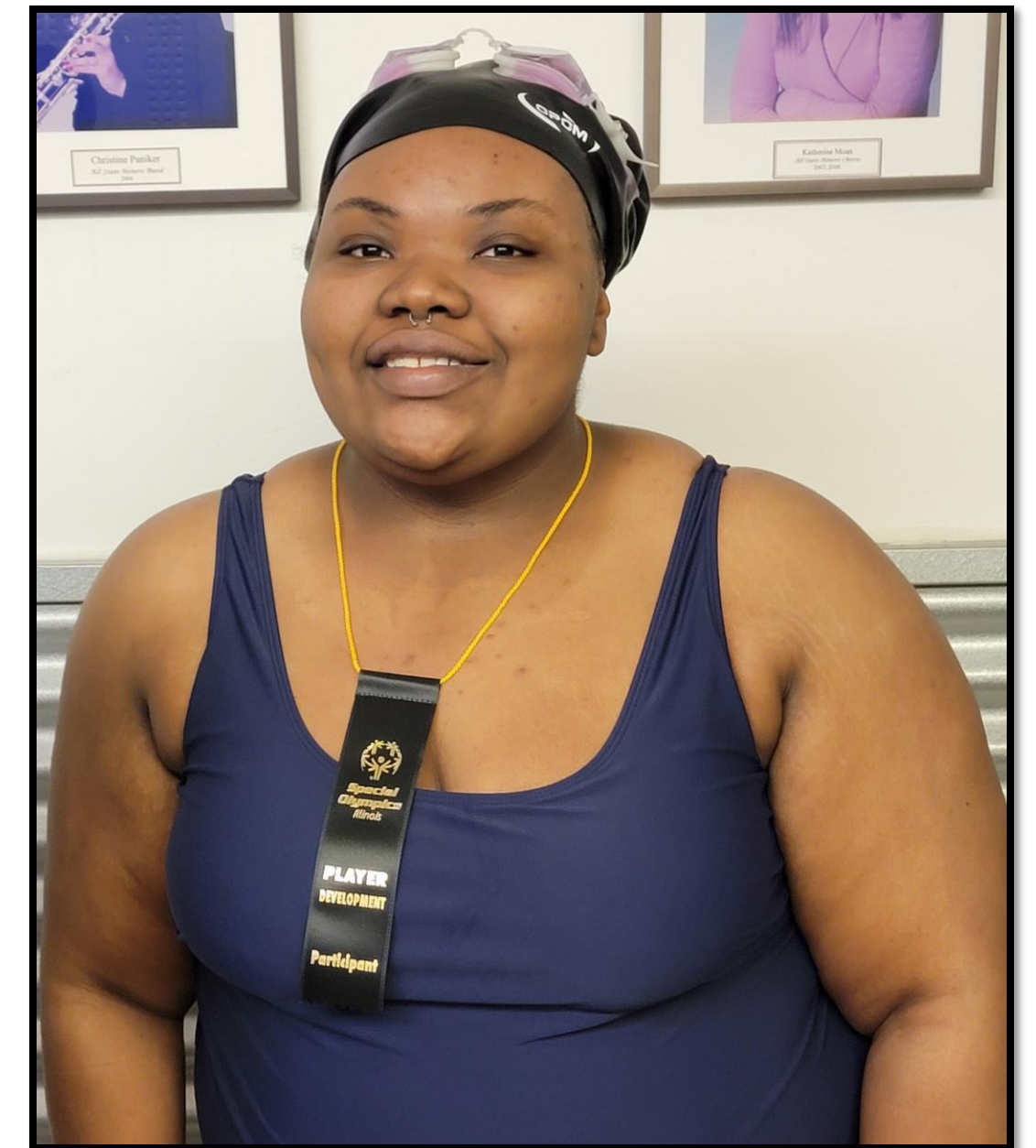
Thank you to Coaches Mike Sanders and Noni Coleman!



Derrius Tolbert
State Qualifier
25 Meter Butterfly



London Harper
State Qualifier
25 Meter Freestyle



Latasia Sabbs
25 Meter Freestyle

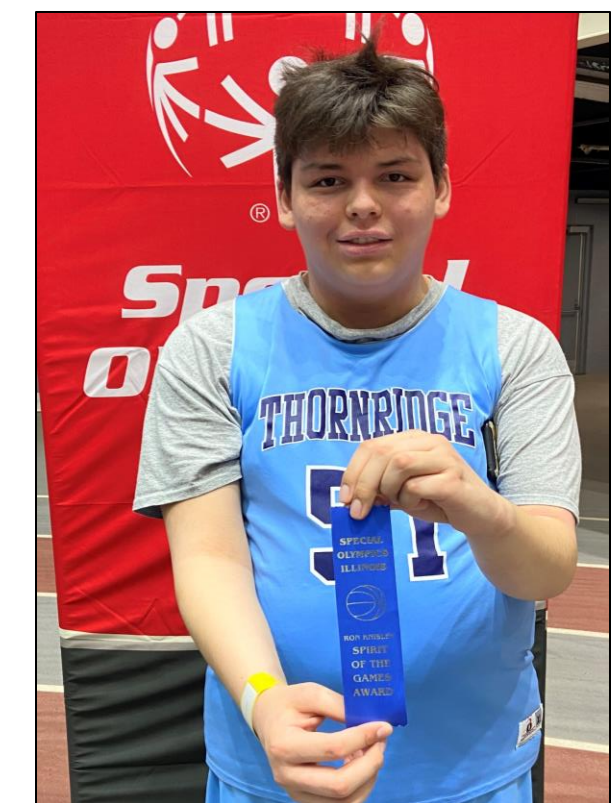
NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation: Thornridge Special Olympics Basketball State Champions- Mr. Fickes



SPECIAL OLYMPICS CHAMPIONS

The Team brought home Gold Medals and a Trophy
Shout out to our players and the coaches!



Players: Kenneth Blecher, Cameron Edwards, Jalen Brown, Monte Adams, Christopher Pena, and Kennidi Jefferson

Coaches: Greg Benacka, Fonda Moyer, Andrew Miller, and Patrick Jennings

NEW BUSINESS

B. Recommended Approval: District 205 Band Summer Camp at Bethune University, Overnight Trip, Daytona Beach, FL, June 23-29, 2024- Mr. Holmes & Mr. Fickes

NEW BUSINESS

C. Recommended Approval: Thornwood Marching Band St. Patrick's Day Parade, Overnight and Out of the Country Trip, Dublin, Ireland, March 15-18, 2026- Mr. Holmes

NEW BUSINESS

D. Recommended Approval: Annual D205 Expo- Dr. Ratliff

NEW BUSINESS

E. First Reading of PRESS Plus Policy Update 113 (30 Day Review)- Dr. Doss

- i) DRAFT UPDATE- 2:20, Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification; 2:120, Board Member Development; 2:200, Types of School Board Meetings; 2:220, School Board Meeting Procedure; 4:10, Fiscal and Business Management; 4:30 Revenue and Investments; 4:60, Purchases and Contracts; 4:130, Free and Reduced-Price Food Services; 4:160, Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds; 5:30, Hiring Process and Criteria; 5:200, Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal; 5:210, Resignations; 5:220, Substitute Teachers; 5:250, Leaves of Absence; 5:330, Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves; 6:15, School Accountability; 6:50, School Wellness; 6:60, Curriculum Content; 6:230, Library Media Program; 7:60, Residence; 7:270, Administering Medicines to Students
- ii) REVIEW AND MONITORING- 2:110, Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers; 3:50, Administrative Personnel Other than the Superintendent; 4:90, Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds; 4:170, Safety; 5:50, Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition; 5:90, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting; 5:120, Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest; 5:150, Personnel Records; 5:190, Teacher Qualifications; 6:20, School Year Calendar and Day; 6:30, Organization of Instruction; 6:65, Student Social and Emotional Development; 6:270, Guidance and Counseling Program; 6:280, Grading and Promotion; 7:50, School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools; 7:70, Attendance and Truancy; 7:160, Student Appearance; 7:165, School Uniforms; 7:190, Student Behavior; 7:250, Student Support Services; 7:285, Anaphylaxis Preventions, Response, and Management Program; 7:290, Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention; 7:345, Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security; 8:30, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion to enter into Closed Session, pursuant to 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to consider the following:
 - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees;
 - Student discipline;
 - Collective negotiating matters; and
 - Pending, probable or imminent litigation

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting

May 8, 2024

THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

District 205 Vision: Building an exemplary high-quality organization that produces major gains in student achievement and prepares all students to be productive citizens in a global society.

District 205 Mission: To develop productive citizens who are enrolled, enlisted or employed at the completion of high school.

District 205 Core Values: Empathy, Trust, Pride, Responsiveness, High Expectations with High Support Integrity, Commitment to Excellence, Innovation, and Collaboration