



THORNTON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

APRIL 12, 2023

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OPEN SESSION

C A L L T O O R D E R

Tonight's meeting is being streamed live via videoconferencing on Microsoft Teams and is video recorded. The Board President declares that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the current Disaster Proclamation issued by the Governor. Physical presence for the entire Board of Education and community is not feasible due to the disaster.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting and Executive Session Minutes dated March 8, 2023
- B. Approval of Special Meeting and Executive Session Minutes dated March 15, 2023
- C. Approval of Special Meeting and Executive Session Minutes dated March 23, 2023
- D. Approval of District 205 Bills:** Dated March 9, 2023, through April 12, 2023
- E. Personnel:** Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires & Terminations dated April 12, 2023

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd)

F. Ratification(s):

- i. Approval of Special Olympics State Basketball Finals Overnight Fieldtrip, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, March 9-11, 2023
- ii. Approval of Thornton Township and Thornwood High Schools Drama GI State Finals Overnight Trip, Springfield, Illinois, March 23-25, 2023
- iii. Approval of Thornwood High School MTB Leadership Team Lock-In, March 25, 2023
- iv. Approval of Thornwood High School, Girls' Track & Field Overnight Fieldtrip, Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky, March 31-April 2, 2023
- v. Approval of Emergency Purchase of Football Helmets for Thornridge High School
- vi. Approval of Emergency Purchase of Football Helmets for Thornton Township High School

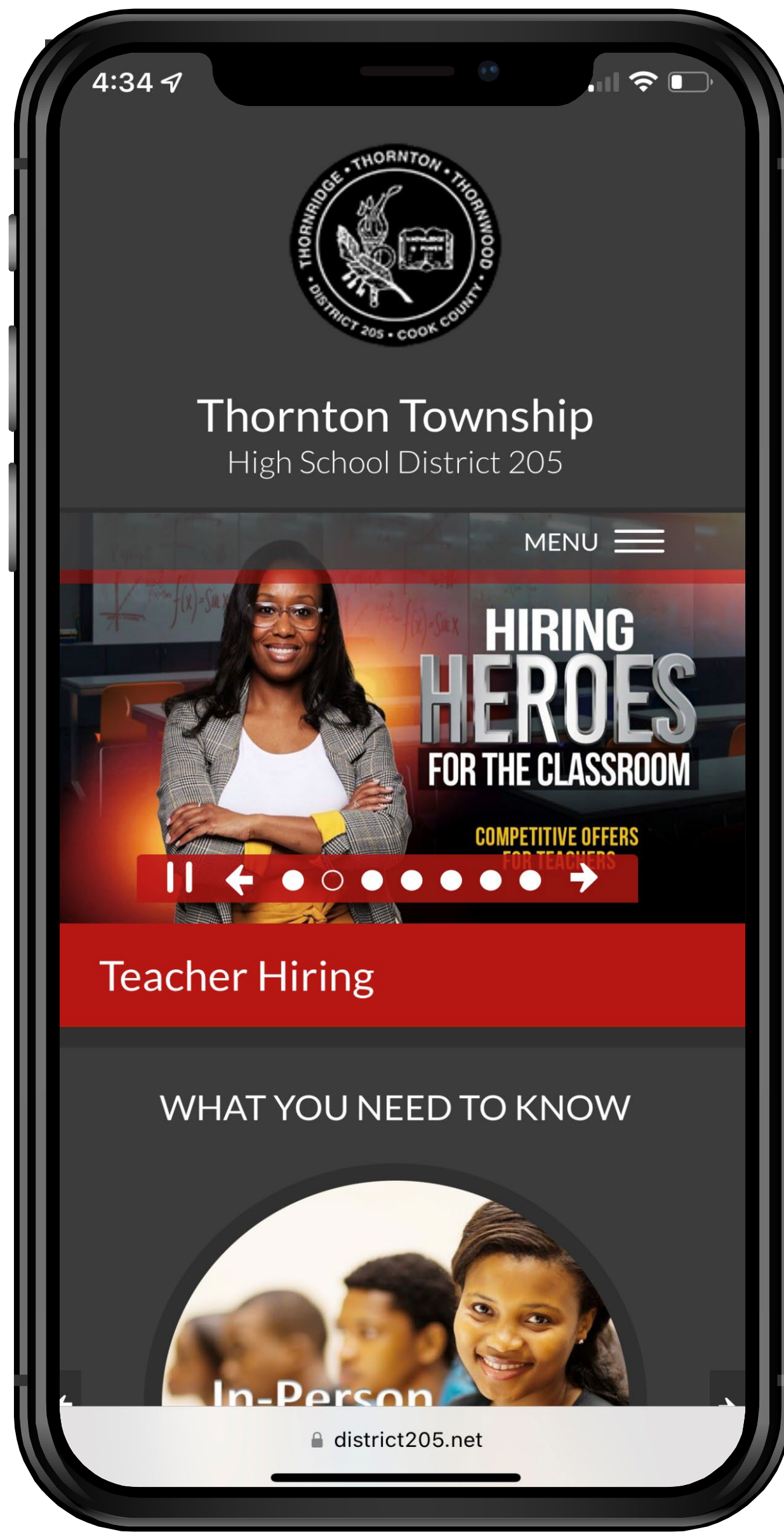
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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.”

The Board will accept comments via email statements to be read at the meeting. Public comments were emailed to hill.laura@district205.net.





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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

THORNBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

P o l i s h e d P e b b l e s J o b S h a d o w

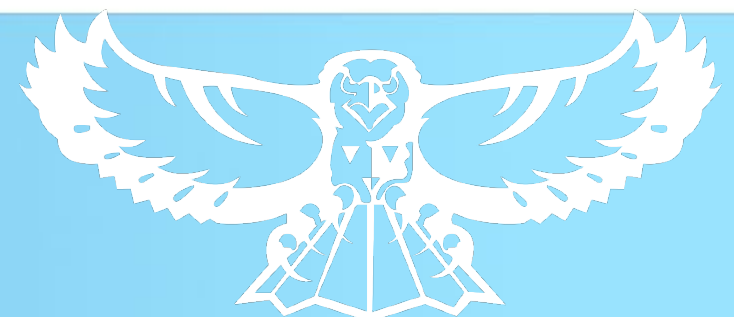


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Commonwealth Edison first job shadow event featuring Polished Pebbles Mentoring Group on International Women's Day.

Students were also featured on Channel 5 NBC news.
[High School Girls Learn About STEM Careers On International Women's Day – NBC Chicago](#)



THORNBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

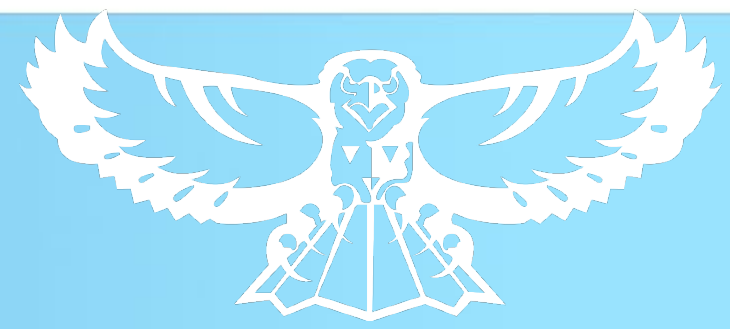
A Day at the Movies



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Students were recognized for their
outstanding attendance and academic
achievement.



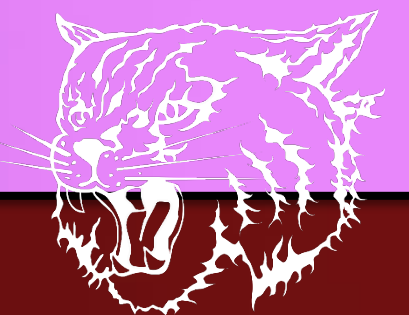


Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society held its induction ceremony on Wednesday, April 5th. **CONGRATULATIONS** to all the students who were inducted. They, along with their parents and guardians enjoyed cake and punch after the ceremony.





TANIYA GRAYSON and
IMANI RANDLE EL show
off their beautiful quilts
that they made in Ms.
Berkley's Fashion Class.
GREAT JOB ladies!



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WILDCATS



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THORNTON PRESENTS

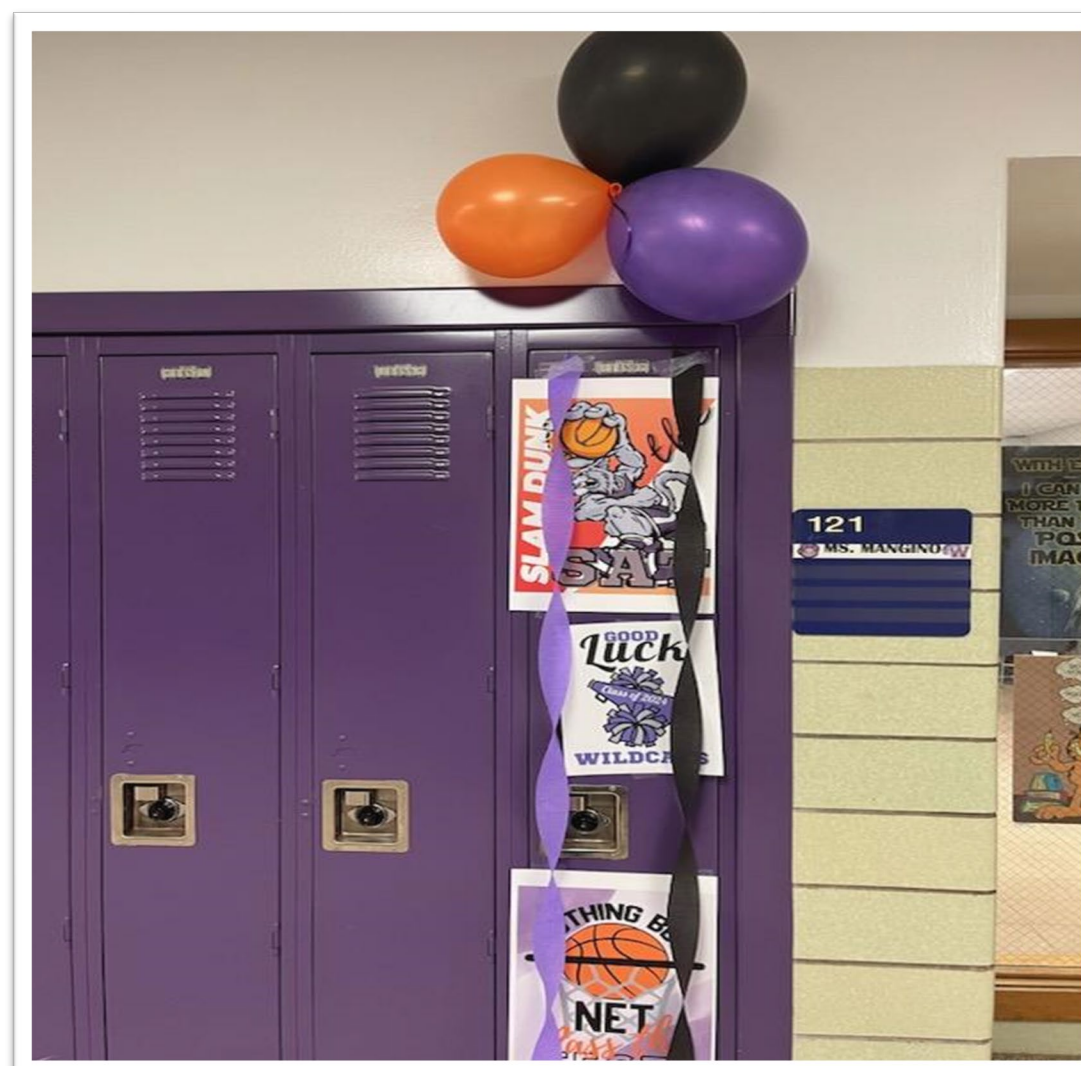
PRIZES **SAT** TRIVIA

MADNESS

MARCH 21ST STUDENT PEP DAY

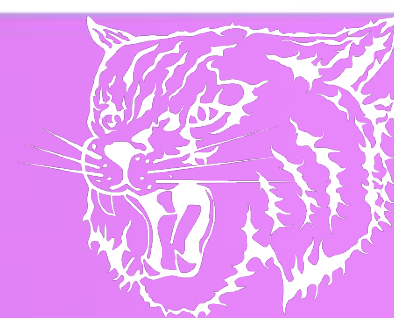
A day of PREP, PEP, and PERFECTION

Student Development Sessions followed by a WILDCAT STYLE Pep Assembly



"THE JUNIORS GET PUMPED UP FOR THE SAT"

Thanks to Ms. Cunningham and Dr. DeWitz for all their hard work and countless hours of creating a motivational, Inspiring PEP RALLY for the Junior students. Lockers were decorated, motivational quotes were placed all over the building, fun testing strategies were in place. Students enjoyed a cookout and ended the day with a motivational speaker and a trivia of SAT questions - Gift cards and Wildcat Gear were given to all winners.



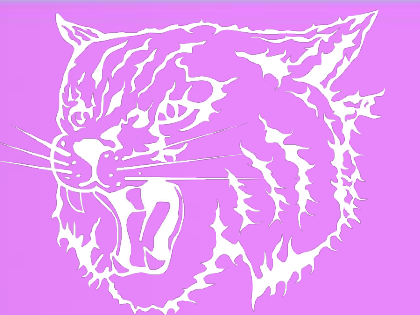


JAVARIS AMBROSE – ONE OF THORNTON'S FINEST

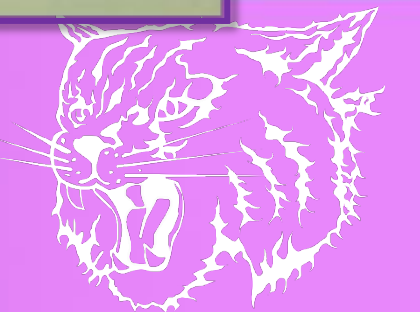
Javaris participated in the Nike Indoor National High School Track & Field Tournament in New York and was the only thrower in the tournament from Illinois.

Javaris competed in two events -

- the hammer throw where he finished 10th out of 32 competitors and
- the shot put where he threw 60 ft, 11 inches. Javaris was one throw away from being the national champion. Unfortunately, on the last throw of the event, he was surpassed. **Javaris' performance makes him the 2nd ranked high school shot putter in the country.**



W O M E N S H I S T O R Y M O N T H



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THUNDERBIRDS



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Eghosa Omosigho, President of Student Board of Education and current senior at Thornwood High School presents at, "A Dream Differed Conference," on March 10, 2023.

Ms. Omoshigo shared her idea of having Peer to Peer counselors in schools and how beneficial it is for students to have someone to talk to other than an adult. Most students feel more comfortable talking to their peers.



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T H U N D E R B I R D S



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Thornwood Post High School Options Fair March 23, 2023

Mrs. Bishop
College & Career
Counselor



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THUNDERBIRDS



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Sophomore Class Skating Field Trip
The Sophomore class won the class challenge
for ATTENDANCE - Quarter 2.
Congrats!

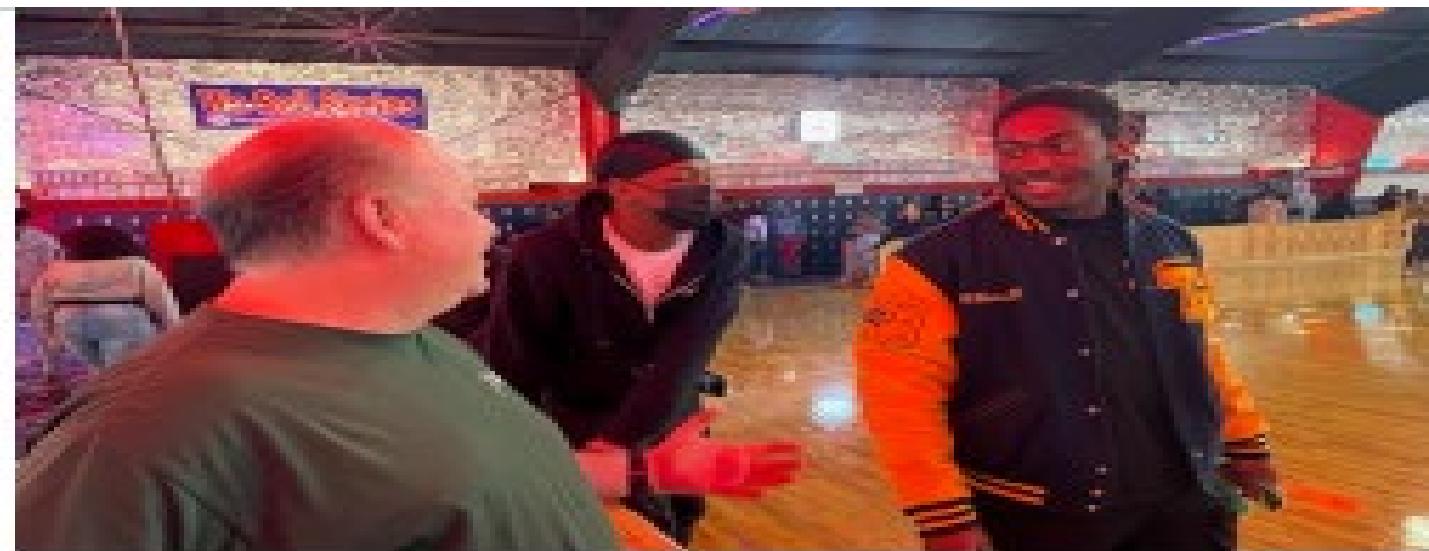
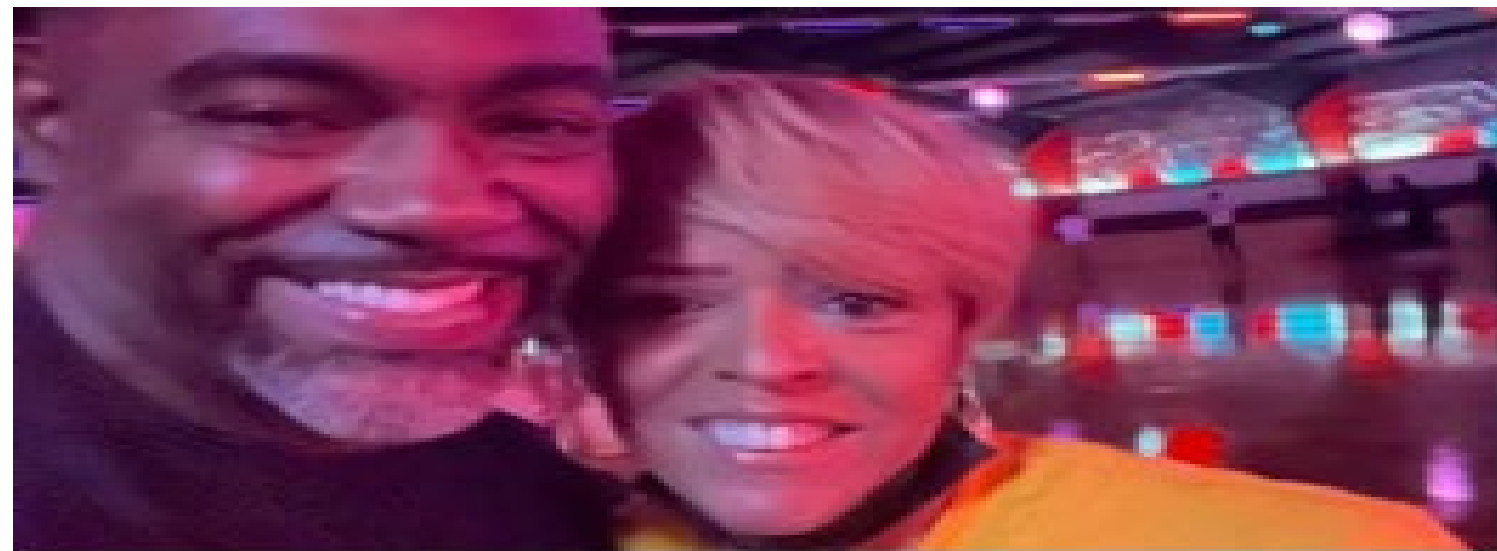


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T H U N D E R B I R D S



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Senior Class Skating Field Trip
The Senior Class won the class challenge
for BEHAVIOR & GPA - Q2.
Congrats!



ADULT TRANSITION PROGRAM

V O L U N T E E R A T G C F D



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ATP students volunteered at the Greater Chicago Food Depository on March 31st.



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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

T E A M T O O K 3 R D P L A C E



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The Thornwood Special Olympics basketball team took third place at the state tournament at ISU. Derrius Tolbert and Curtis Whitney received sportsmanship awards at the tournament.



NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation: Thornton Township High School Shark Tank Competition - Mr. Fickes



"Sweet As Sugar"

Ivan Walker & Malachi Davis
Founders, CEO
Thornton Township High
School
@NOKKI



Malachi and Ivan.mp4 - Google Drive



TARGET MARKET



Demographic- More than 37 million people

Geographic- Midwest

Psychographic- Dieting, diabetic, healthy lifestyle

Buying Patterns- Grocery Shops, Healthier Options

- Dieting
- Diabetic
- Trying to maintain blood sugar level
- Uses insulin
- Looking for a healthier lifestyle
- Cooks



PROBLEM/OPPORTUNITY



- **People with diabetes and other similar health conditions are unable to consume standard sugar**
- **Sugar intake damages the kidney that filters blood**
- **Intake of standard sugar can lead to weight gain and obesity, even heart disease**
- **In 2019, there were 284,049 deaths from diabetes**



UNDERLYING MAGIC



- All natural/ No GMO
- It doesn't spike blood sugar or insulin
- 0 calories
- Tasty Healthy Snacks
- Good Health
- Better for teeth
- 70% as sweet as sugar without the calories





VALUE PROPOSITION



Nokki is an alternative sugar for people who choose a healthier option. This can be because of health conditions or to live a healthier lifestyle. Nokki doesn't spike blood sugar or insulin. You can benefit from living a healthy lifestyle with Nokki through our healthy snacks.

- Doesn't spike blood sugar or insulin
- 0.24 calories per gram
- Tasty Healthy Snacks
- Good Health

Maliyah Coleman | 15
years old | Thornton
Township High-School



“SmartBrush, How do
you live without it”



Problem/Opportunity Pt.1

Parents:

- ❖ Its early in the morning and you're frustrated
 - The smart brush gives your child a sense of independence and responsibilities
- ❖ Your child is screaming early in the morning
 - The smart brush calms your child down with either vibrations, singing, and counting of your choice



Value Proposition

- ❖ Smart-Brush gives your child a sense of responsibility and motor skills.
 - Makes them feel as if they are in control of what they are doing
- ❖ The parents have an easier time brushing their child's teeth
 - The silicon and the other distractions located on the phones app
- ❖ Smart-Brush also can calm a child/adult with autism with the certain settings
 - The silicon and sound playlist will distracted them and not overstimulate them



Underlying Magic

- ❖ My cousin is autistic and hates getting her teeth brushed
 - I've had experience with trying to brush her teeth (not the easiest)
- ❖ My brother is VERY independent and wants to do things on his own
 - I've tried brushing his teeth and all he does is snatch the toothbrush
- ❖ In the morning if my brother is still sleepy he throws a tantrum while i'm trying to brush his teeth
- ❖ My brother and cousin also likes the taste of toothpaste hence the different flavored toothpaste



NEW BUSINESS

B. Recommended Approval of IHSA 2023-24 Membership Renewal for Thornridge, Thornton Township and Thornwood High Schools - Dr. Cunningham (Approval needed)

NEW BUSINESS

C. Recommended Approval of Barber/Cosmetology Installation
Proposal – Mr. Fickes (Approval needed)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting

MAY 10, 2023

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