



THORNTON TOWNSHIP  
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

# BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

**FEBRUARY 8, 2023**

Serving All or Portions of the Following Communities:

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\* Posen \* Riverdale \* South Holland \* Thornton \* Dixmoor \* Dolton \* East Hazel Crest \* Harvey

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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 dated January 11, 2023
- B. **Approval of District 205 Bills:** Dated January 12, 2023, through February 8, 2023
- C. **Personnel:** Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires & Terminations dated February 8, 2023
- D. **Ratification:**
  - i. Approval of Special Olympics Snowshoeing Overnight Fieldtrip, Galena, IL, January 30-February 2, 2023
  - ii. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Two-Year Tax Abatement for 2023 Property Tax Relief Grant (Revised)

# 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](mailto: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

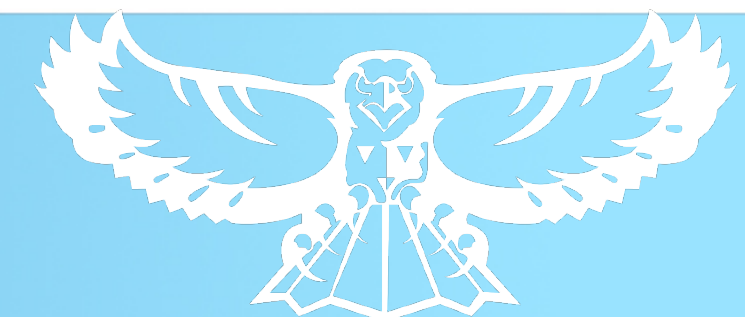


# THORNridge HIGH SCHOOL



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Congratulations to the Girls Bowling team on their Conference Championship win!





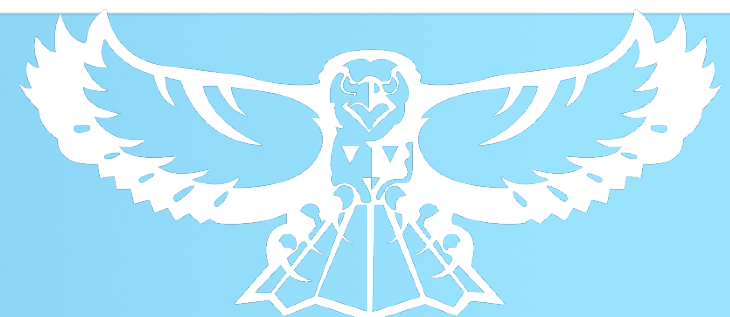
# THORNTRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



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C h e c k   a n d   C o n n e c t

Students earned incentives for improving their attendance.





# THORNBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



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Thanks to the Cheer team for  
working the concession stand!







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## 31 ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS

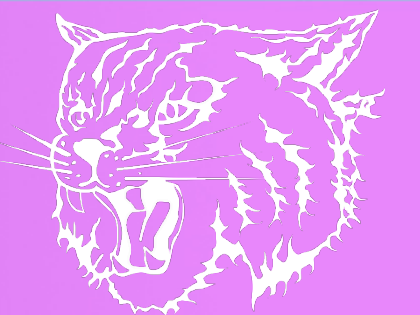
On behalf of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) and the State of Illinois, **TTHS** is pleased to announce that we have **31** Illinois State Scholars (the largest number ever) for the 2023-2024 School Year.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Grace Adedeji  
Farida Akinwole Majeed  
Olivia Ayiku,  
Brandon Botley  
Adriana Chavez  
Aniya Davis  
Destiny Dillard  
Yoselin Farfan  
Kourtnie Fourte  
Chaniah Fullilove  
Izaiah Garner  
Michelle Gonzalez

Katherine Gutierrez  
Treasure Jackson  
Leslie Leon  
Da Maure Morgan  
Jayla Murphy  
Joi Preston  
Akela Ray  
Uleses Reyes  
Jazmin Rodriguez  
Marcos Serrano  
Rafael Urbano Ortiz  
Gulnaaz Vahora

Rahmat Vahora  
Saniyaben Vahora  
Anayedzy Vega  
Abdulahad Vahora  
Uzmaa Vhora





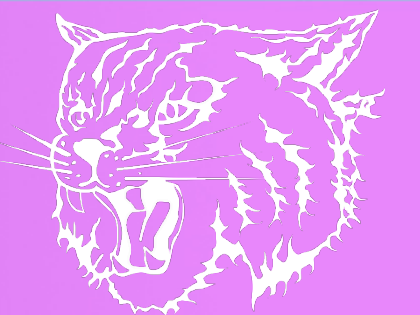
**Congratulations to the following students:**

**Cosmetology Program**

Juliana Gonzalez  
Taylah Pressley  
Eve McNeal  
Lakiyah Richardson

**Barbering Program**

Ivan Walker  
Cayden Watson  
Guadalupe Hernandez Rangel  
Cynthia Gonzalez





# THORNTON

## MIELLE GIVEAWAY

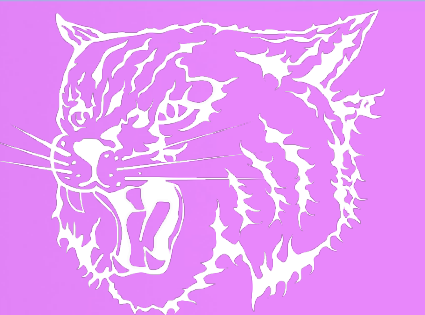


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Mr. Jason Clark, proud TTHS alumni, teamed up with Mielle Organics to present a family holiday giveaway to the students of TTHS. The CEO of Mielle Organics awarded \$5,000 to the following eight students:

**Ravea Blunt**  
**Shamira Boston**  
**D'Marion Campbell**  
**George Casteel**  
**Javier Gonzalez**  
**Aaliyah Hunt**  
**Kyariane Joseph**  
**Aayiya Watts**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**





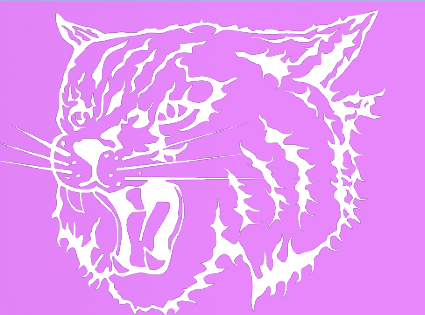
# THORNTON

## CTE FAIR / PANEL DISCUSSION

A representative from Construction Industry Service Corporation (CISCO) facilitated a panel discussion and a hands-on experience with over 25 Vendors and approximately 200 students, including eighth graders from Brooks Middle School to promote CTE/Career Paths.



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## AVID JUNIORS



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**AVID students are off to a great start this semester.**

**Mr. Higgins invited his former student, now lawyer, Taylor Tyler, Esq. to speak with our AVID juniors about her experiences as an African American law student and lawyer. Her presentation was truly insightful!**

**As always, we are still recognizing AVID students who are doing phenomenal work in their courses.**





# THORNWOOD

## MATHLETES



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**Thornwood Mathletes placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the SAC Conference!** The top three schools were Crete-Monee with 432 points, Thornwood with 395 points, and Thornton with 254 points.



**Thornwood earned 1<sup>st</sup> place in 4 of the 15 events.**

**Fractional Equations:** Deven West, Victoria Collins, Addison Perkins, Laurence Nnabuo, Candace Agyepong, Kaleb Randle

**Factoring:** Ariana Whitaker, Miriam Onyenso, Madison Wright, Kolagbode Kolawole, Kaden Bentley-Townsend, Dammian Serrano

**Probability Oral:** Jeremy Price and Fabiola Herrera

**Functions/Graphs Oral:** Deven West and Victoria Collins





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## MATHLETES



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### Perfect Scores:

**Deven West:** Functions & Graphs and Fractional Equations

**Victoria Collings:** Functions & Graphs

**Audrey Davis:** Radical Equations

**Oluwanifemi Ajayi:** Truth Tables

**Taylor Thrasher:** Truth Tables

**Isis Hernandez:** Truth Tables





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CHAT & CHEW WITH DR. COVINGTON



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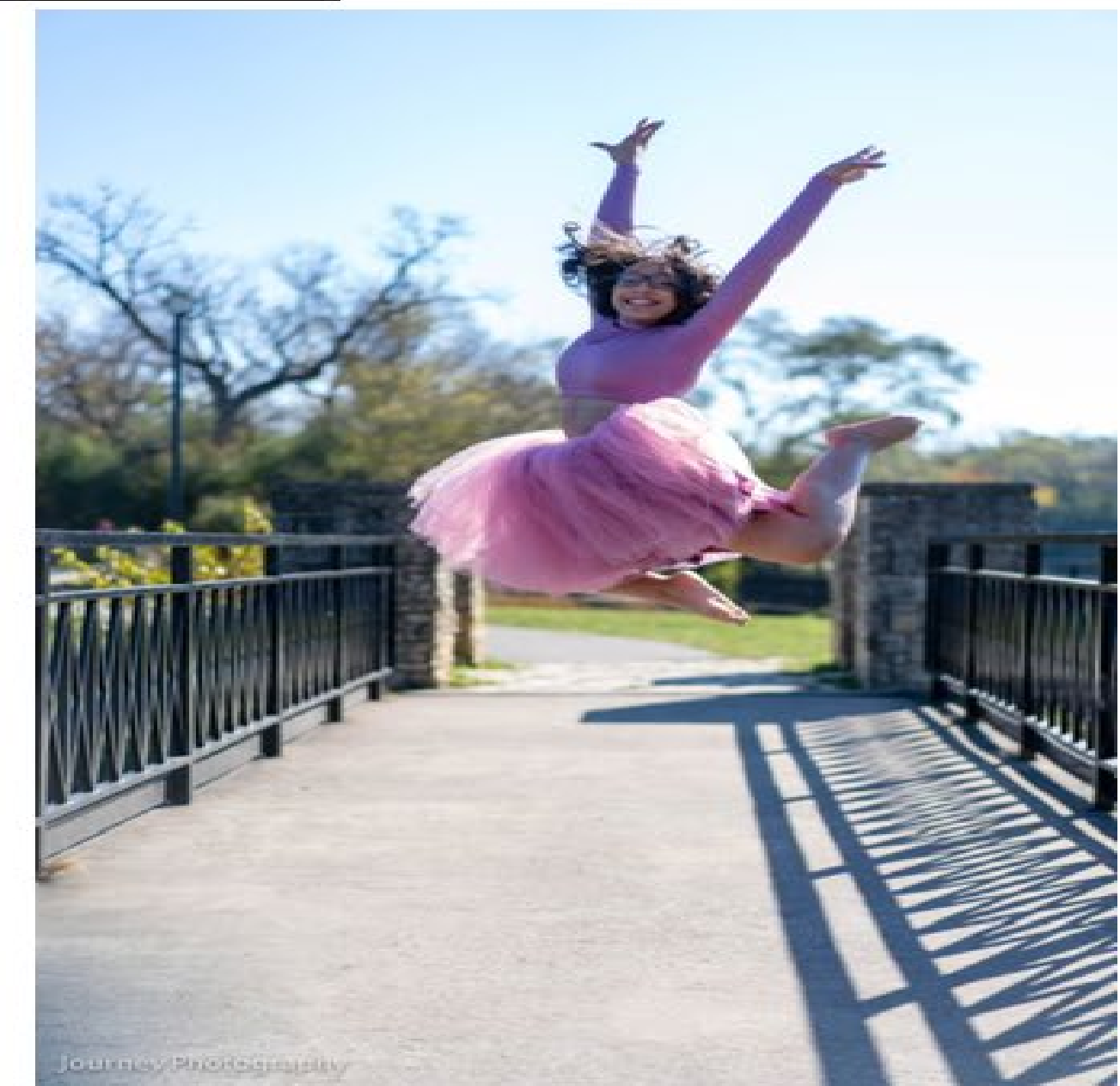
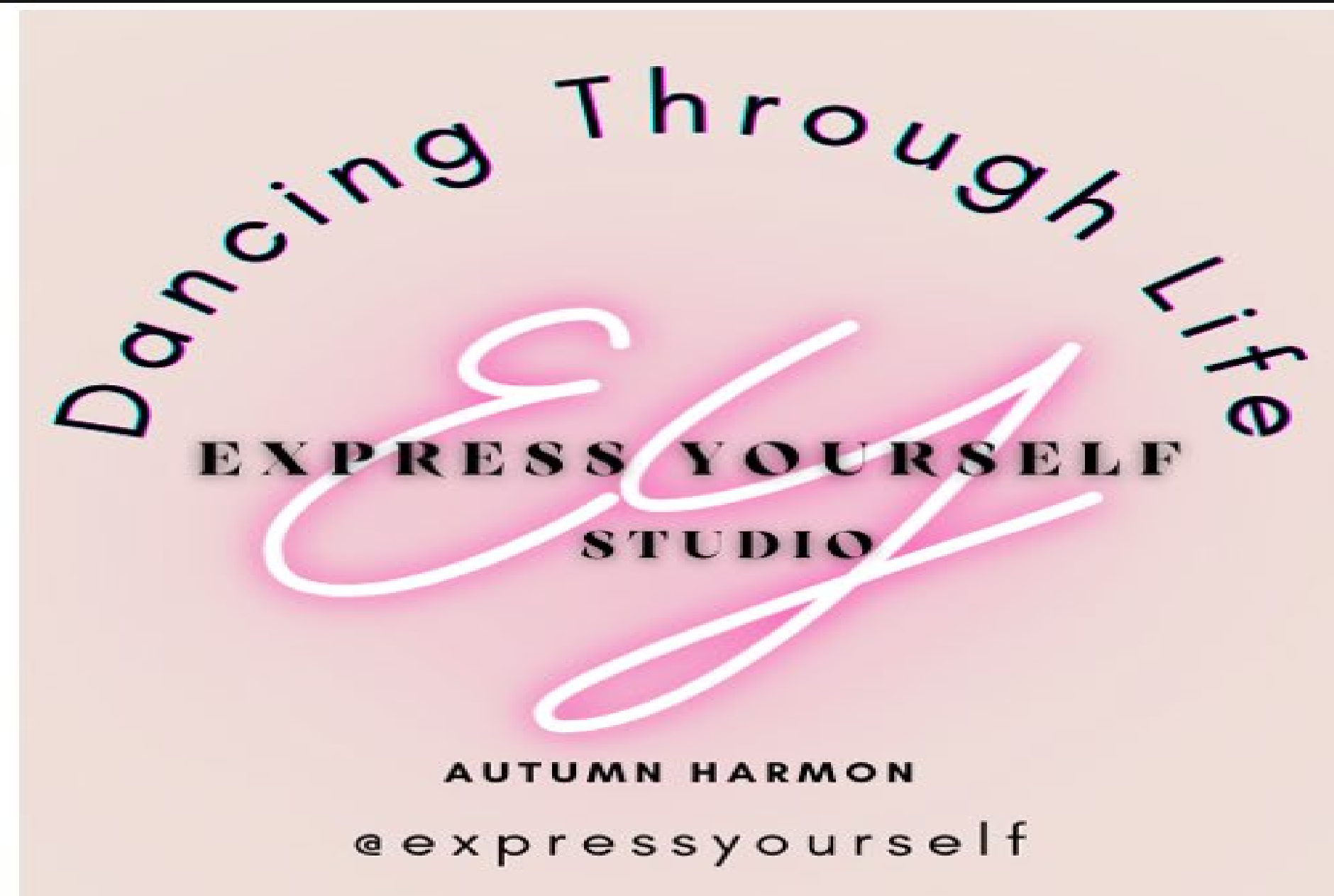
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## Autumn Harmon

## Express Yourself Studio



## South Suburban Small Business Association Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award

❖ Autumn was selected as the Young Entrepreneur of the Year for the South Suburban Small Business Association 2022 Annual Summit Award Celebration.







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# SPECIAL OLYMPICS

2 0 2 3   S n o w   s h o e   W i n t e r   G a m e s

Our athletes did a fantastic job at the 2023 Winter Games in Galena!

- Jasmin Williams won **GOLD** in the 100-meter race
- Miyanah Holloway won **GOLD** in the 50- and 100-meter race
- Jermaine Johnson placed **5<sup>th</sup>** in the 50-meter race.

Despite frigid temperatures, our athletes did an amazing job and dug deep to do their best. District 205 is so proud of them!

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# **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Presentation: District 148 “Blankets for Toddlers” - Mr. Fickes, Mrs. Silas-Armour and Mrs. Rucinski

# **NEW BUSINESS**

B. Presentation: Studio 205 Naming Contest Winners - Mr. Fickes

# **NEW BUSINESS**

C. Presentation: Meet Studio 205 Barber and Cosmetology  
Students-Inaugural Cohort – Mr. Fickes

# **NEW BUSINESS**

D. Recommended Approval of Thornton Township High School Overnight Fieldtrip, Davison High School Cardinal Classic Shootout, Davison, MI, February 11-12, 2023 – Mr. Whitaker (Approval needed)



# **NEW BUSINESS**

E. Recommended Approval of Thornwood High School Baseball College Tour Overnight Fieldtrip to Grand Canyon University, University of Arizona and Chicago White Sox Spring Training Facility, March 29- April 2, 2023 – Mr. Holmes (Approval needed)

# **NEW BUSINESS**

F. Recommended Approval of Special Olympics Gymnastics  
Overnight Fieldtrip, Palatine, IL, February 24-25, 2023

# **NEW BUSINESS**

G. Recommended Approval of the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025  
School Calendars – Mrs. Duran (Approval needed)



# **NEW BUSINESS**

## H. Recommended Approval of First Reading of PRESSPlus Policy Update 110 – Dr. Doss

- i. Draft Update: 2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest; 2:210 Organizational Board of Education Meeting; 2:265 Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure; 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management; 4:140 Waiver of Student Fees; 4:165 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors; 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited; 5:220 Substitute Teachers; 5:250 Leaves of Absence; 5:280 Duties and Qualification; 5:320 Evaluation; 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves; 6:15 School Accountability; 6:220, Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program; Responsible; Use and Conduct; 6:250 Community Resource Persons and Volunteers; 6:255 Assemblies and Ceremonies; 6:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs; 6:310 High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students; 7:190 Student Behavior; 7:250 Student Support Services; 7:285 Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program; 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention; 7:340 Student Records; 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools; and 7:70 Attendance and Truancy; Draft Update-Rewritten: 5:120 Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest; Review of Proposed District Edits: 7:345 Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security; 7:345-AP, E2 Exhibit – Student Data Privacy; Notice to Parents About Educational Technology Vendors

# **NEW BUSINESS**

- I. Recommended Approval to Adopt the Resolution Providing for the Issue and Sale of not to exceed \$2,800,000 of Working Cash Fund Bonds of the District – Mr. Horton (Approval needed)

# **NEW BUSINESS**

- J. Recommended Approval of Thornwood High School Band Equipment Budget - Mr. Horton (Approval needed)



# **NEW BUSINESS**

K. Recommended Approval of the Studio 205 Contractor Bid Results – Mr. Horton (Approval needed)

# **NEW BUSINESS**

L. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Nathaniel Cunningham Jr.

# 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

MARCH 8, 2023

THORNTON TOWNSHIP 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