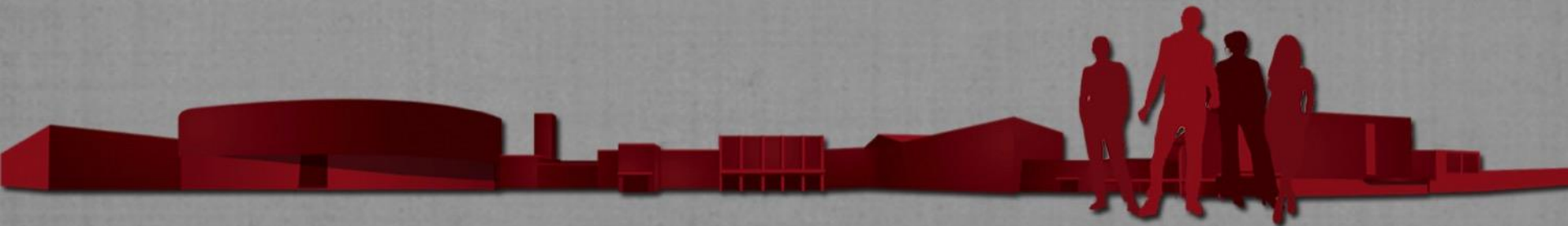


BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

February 14, 2018

Serving All or Portions of the Following Communities:

Blue Island * Burnham * Calumet City * Dixmoor * Dolton * East Hazel Crest * Harvey * Hazel Crest *
Lansing * Markham * Phoenix * Posen * Riverdale * South Holland * Thornton



Open Session

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance



Committee of the Whole

- *Report from Curriculum Committee*
- *Report from Finance Committee*
- *Report from Policy Committee*
- *Report from Discipline Committee*
- *Report from Facilities Committee*

Consent Agenda

- **Approval of Minutes:** Special Meeting of November 8, 2017
- **Approval of Minutes:** Special Meeting and Executive Session of December 11, 2017
- **Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting and Executive Session of December 13, 2017
- **Approval of District 205 Bills dated:** January 11 through February 14, 2018
- **Personnel:** Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations dated February 14, 2018
- **Ratifications:**
 - Overnight Field Trip for Thornwood Special Olympics Snowshoe Competition in Galena, Illinois
 - Overnight Field Trip for Thornton Competitive Dance Competition in Springfield, Illinois
 - Overnight Field Trip for Thornton Chess Team to Peoria, Illinois

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

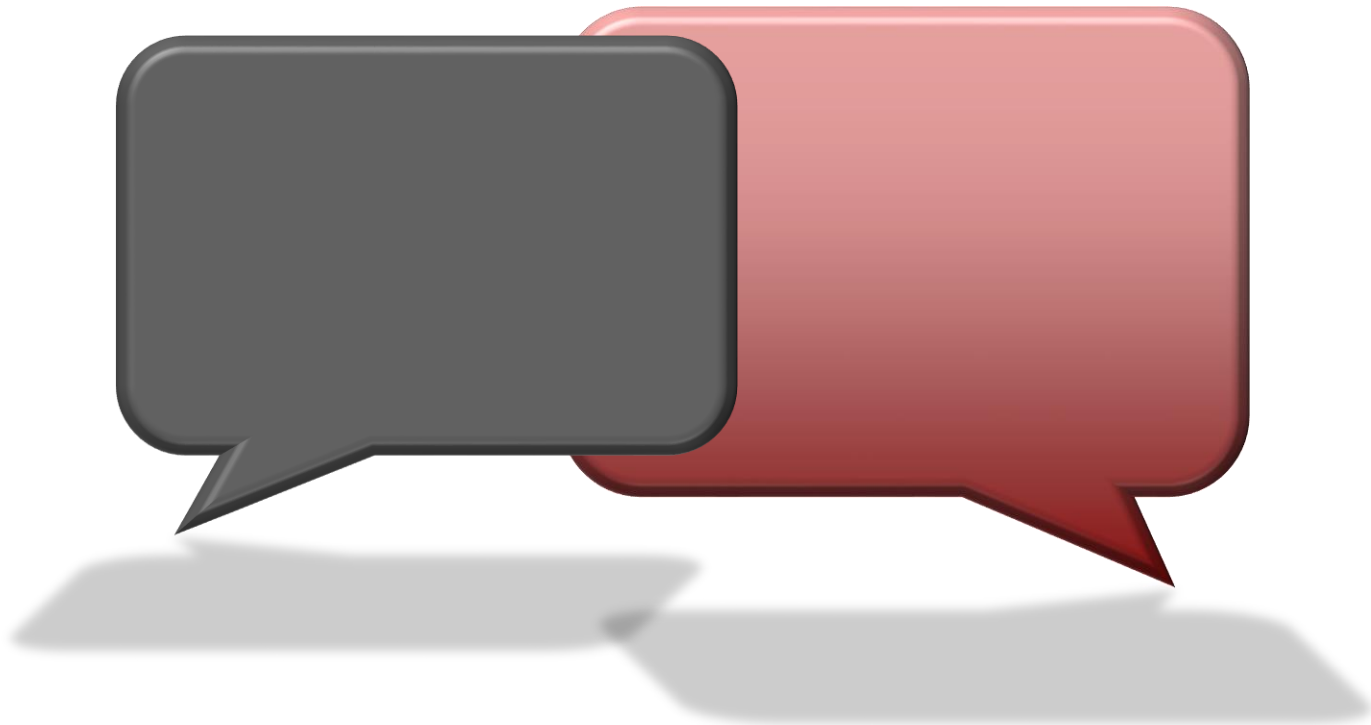
- *Dr. Doss*

FOIA



Communications

- *Mr. Arrington*



Welcome Parents! Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, February 15th

Outlook Academy
4pm - 7pm

Peace Center
5pm - 8pm

TR
5pm - 8pm

TT
5pm - 8pm

TW
4:30pm - 7:30pm

Friday, February 16th

(NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)

Outlook Academy
8am - 11am

Peace Center
8am - 11am

TR
8am - 11am

TT
8am - 11am

TW
8am - 11am



2018 HBCU COLLEGE & CULTURAL TOUR

COLLEGES



Meharry Medical
College



Rust
College



Fisk
University



Jackson State
University



Hinds
College



Vanderbilt
University

MARCH 26 - 29

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DISTRICT 205
COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

MARCH MADNESS SCHOLAR TOURNAMENT

On the last day of the tour, we will have a tournament between all the students that showcases their knowledge on things we've learned during our college and cultural visits on the tour.

CULTURAL VISITS

CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUMS



Mississippi Civil
Rights Museum

Wednesday

National Civil
Rights Museum
at the Lorraine Motel

Thursday

BUS ACTIVITIES AND WORKSHOPS

COLLEGE MATCH FINANCIAL LITERACY ADMISSIONS ADVICE

FAFSA STRATEGIES

Dr. Jonathan
McKenzie

TEST PREP
STRATEGIES

Terrill
McKinney

FOR MORE INFORMATION

UPWARD BOUND STUDENTS

Contact The Family Centered Educational Agency
16241 Wausau Avenue, South Holland, Illinois
www.familycentered.org
708-210-1771 ext. 17

AVID STUDENTS

Contact Avid Coordinator Veronica Mosely-Raggs
Thornwood High School
Room 2641 or 1210
708-225-4827

The District 205 Annual Historically Black College & University Tour will be held during Spring Break, March 26th thru the 29th. Students will tour seven HBCU's in Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee.

This is an incredible opportunity to get an up close and personal visit at these top notch colleges and universities. Space is limited so get your application in as soon as possible.

Please call Mr. John Arrington, Director of College & Career Programs at 708-225-4551 for more information.

District 205 FACE Summit Saturday, March 24, 2018

<http://www.district205summit.net/>

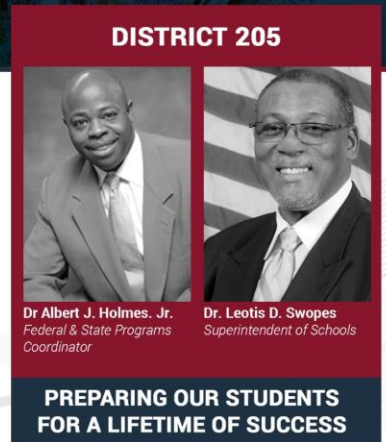


#ParentCentered

2018 INAUGURAL FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Summit

SAVE THE DATE Saturday March 24, 2018

Federal Programs has been steadfast in its quest to carry out the Family and Community Engagement (FACE) mission to empower parents to actively participate in their children's education by providing support, resources, and assistance that will increase parental involvement, enhance student achievement and promote community partnerships.



Dr. Albert J. Holmes, Jr.
Federal & State Programs
Coordinator

Dr. Leotis D. Swopes
Superintendent of Schools

**PREPARING OUR STUDENTS
FOR A LIFETIME OF SUCCESS**

Register early at summit.district205.net

Our future is proudly Student Centered





Congratulations to **Thornridge Wrestler Darael Dugar** who won the IHSA Sectional Championship in the 220lb weight division. He is the first Sectional Champion for Thornridge HS since 1997. Darael will be going down to Champaign for the state wrestling meet this weekend. Darael's record to date is 27 wins and 2 losses.



Congratulations to the TR students who qualified at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America – FCCLA Regionals.

Bronze Medals:

Kiara Randall in Focus on Children

Kiara Jefferies in Life Event Planning (and it was her birthday 😊)

Ayisha Abubakar in Nutrition and Wellness

Silver Medal:

Jamiah Glover in Early Childhood *

Gold Medal:

Alice Dixon and Jada Kennedy in Focus on Children*

Gold Medal and Most Outstanding:

Mechal Plair and Cyann Knox in Life Event Planning*

Students with * qualify for State in April



National Signing Day at TR

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| Waldell Ray | McKendree University | Lebanon, Illinois |
| Traevon Cooley | Robert Morris | Chicago, Illinois |
| Darael Dugar | Arizona Western | Yuma, Arizona |





Congratulations to the **Thornton Sophisticats** as the **Junior Varsity team** placed 1st in Hip Hop division and Varsity team placed 1st in the 2AAA Hip Hop division at the IDTA Hononegah Dance Competition on February 3rd.

Also, congratulations to **Kaniaya Caver** and **Leeanna Nelson** for receiving the Raising Star Awards for outstanding performances on their teams.



Congratulations to the **Wildcat Special Olympics Division 8 Basketball** team on placing first at the Thornwood Tournament on January 20th. **Division 7** Lightenings came in fourth place and the **Division 4** Topcats took home third place. Way to go TT.

TT's **Chess Team** traveled down to Peoria, Illinois this past weekend and they received the most WINS ever at state....Top 40 out of 124. Congratulations to the entire chess team and a special congratulations to **Aldifo Martinez** who placed 4th out of 124 and received a medal.





Congratulations to the **Thornton Speech team** who hosted and competed at the IHSA sectional speech tournament. The speech team placed first and also advanced 7 events to state, which hasn't been accomplished since 1995.

Congratulations **Wildcats** and best of luck at state!

- **Ira Mcdowell & Ira Wright** - Dramatic Duet Acting & Humorous Duet Acting
- **Desiree Parker** - Dramatic Interpretation
- **Malachi Wright** – Original Comedy and Special Occasional Speaking
- **Frances Walker** – Informative Speaking
- **Cymone Winters** - Poetry Reading





Congratulations to the **TW Special Olympics Gold Basketball Team** on defeating Andrew High School on January 11th 43 – 35. Special thanks to coaches Mrs. Zuccolo and Mr. Eaves.

Congratulations to the **TW Special Olympics team** that competed in the Winter State Games for Snow Shoe held on February 6 - February 8. **Deja Falodun** won two gold medals; placing first in the 50 meter dash and the 100 meter dash. **Aaron Bean**, who is a first time snow shoe athlete, took a fourth place ribbon in the 50 meter dash and a gold medal in the 100 meter dash. **Eddie Green** had a new personal record and took fifth place in the 50 meter dash and fourth place in the 100 meter dash.



On Monday, January 22 TW had its first Communication Development Student-Parent Social Event. Over thirty people came out to visit with one another and bowl. It was a huge success as students spent time together and parents connected with each other, fostering new relationships. Too often many of these students lack opportunities to interact with peers outside of the school day. The night was full of laughter and camaraderie. This event was just the beginning of building community and a sense of belonging for our students and families.





Congratulations to the **TW Speech team** students for their success at the Sectional Competition this past weekend.

Jada Johnson earned 2nd place in Prose Reading and advances to state competition.

Performance in the Round earned 4th place **Khasira Martin, Deontee Barjebo, Kendall Oneal, and Jihan Davis.**



Outlook Academy

February Staff Member of
the Month – **Linda Kingdon,**
Teacher



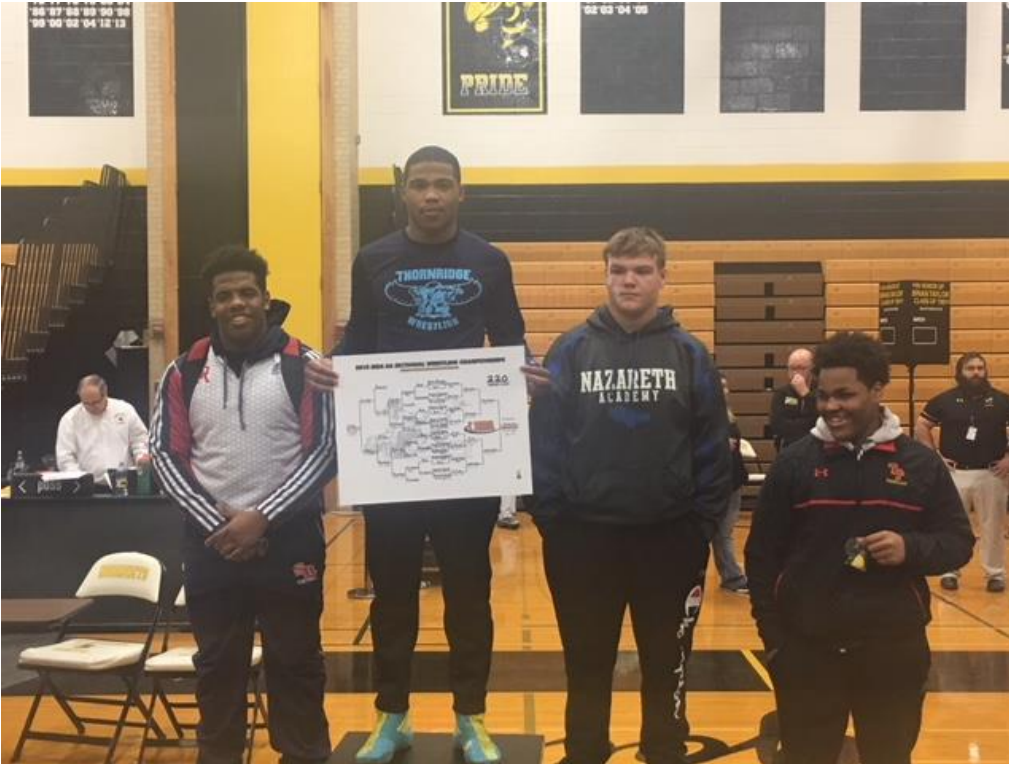
February Student of the
Month – **Sierra Hayes**



For more information on Outlook Academy please visit the
Outlook Academy Web Page on the District Web Site:

www.district205.net.

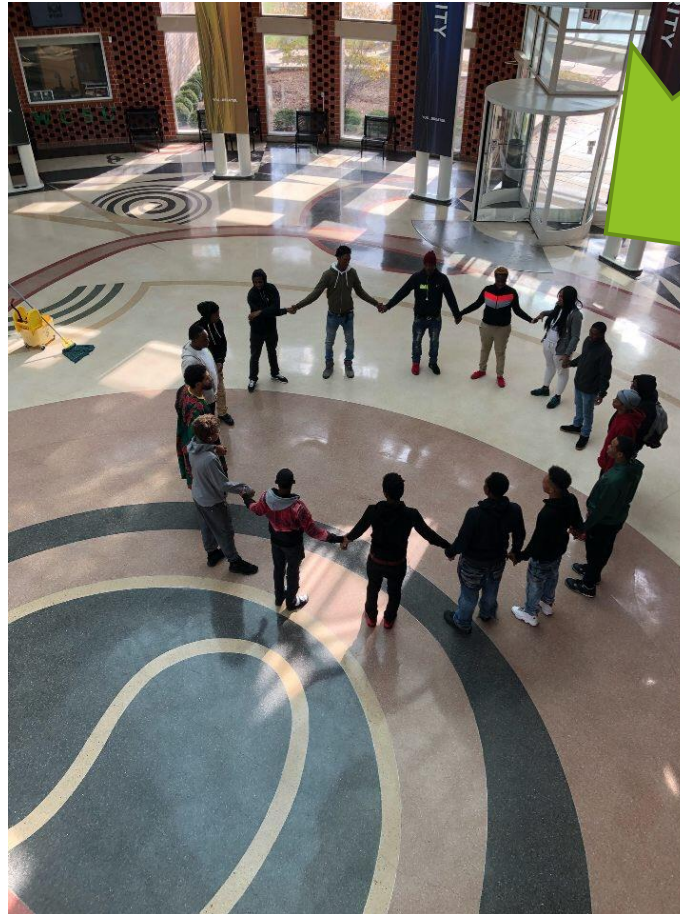
Outlook Academy



Congratulations to Thorntridge Wrestler **Keenan Alexander** who qualified as an Alternate for the 285lb weight division. He will be going down to Champaign for the state wrestling meet this weekend. Keenan's record is 18 wins and 7 loses.

What's New at Outlook Academy

- Outlook said goodbye to **28 students** that have finished the program and now have a District 205 diploma. Congratulations to all!
- All 28 students that have finished this past December are currently employed and are on their way to completing their post-secondary plans. We wish them all luck and know they will continue to do us all proud!



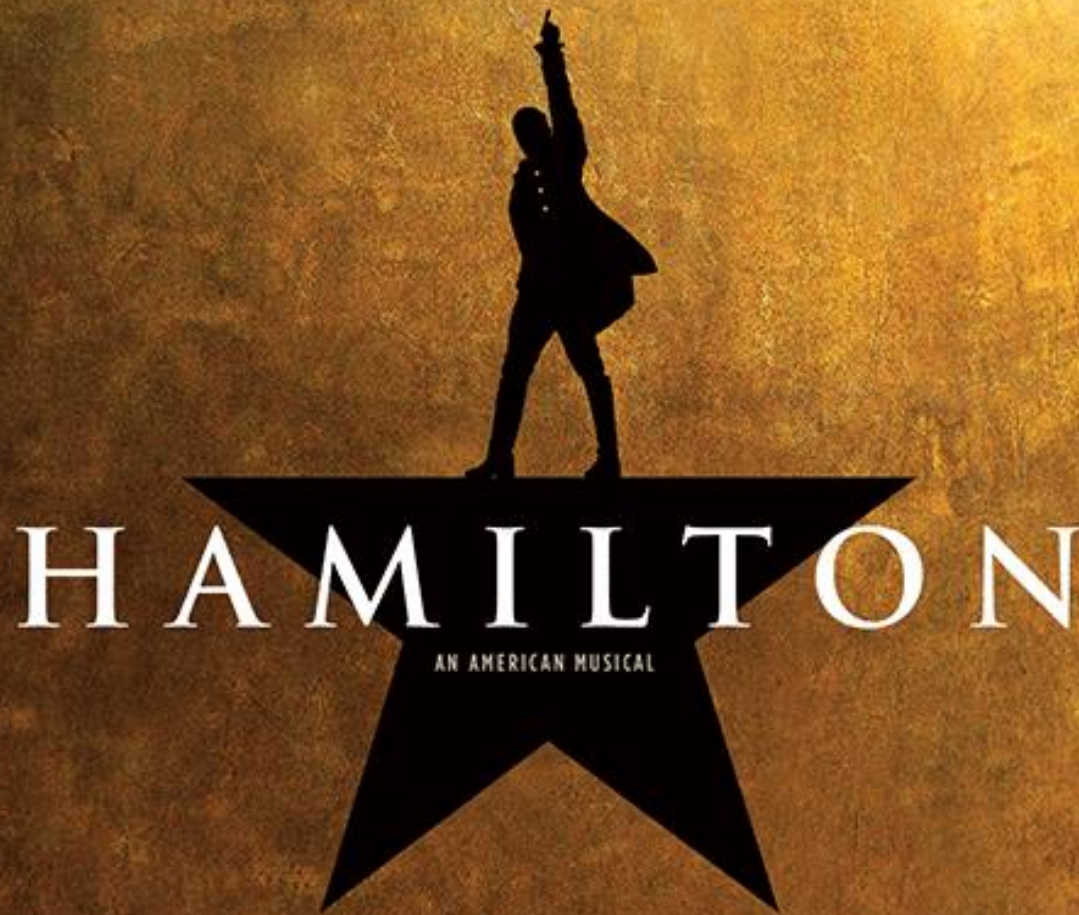
Peace Circles at
Outlook Every Friday

Unfinished Business

New Business

- *Hamilton Performance Student Field Trip–
Mr. Fickes*

Thornwood High
School attends...



Dec. 13th, 2017

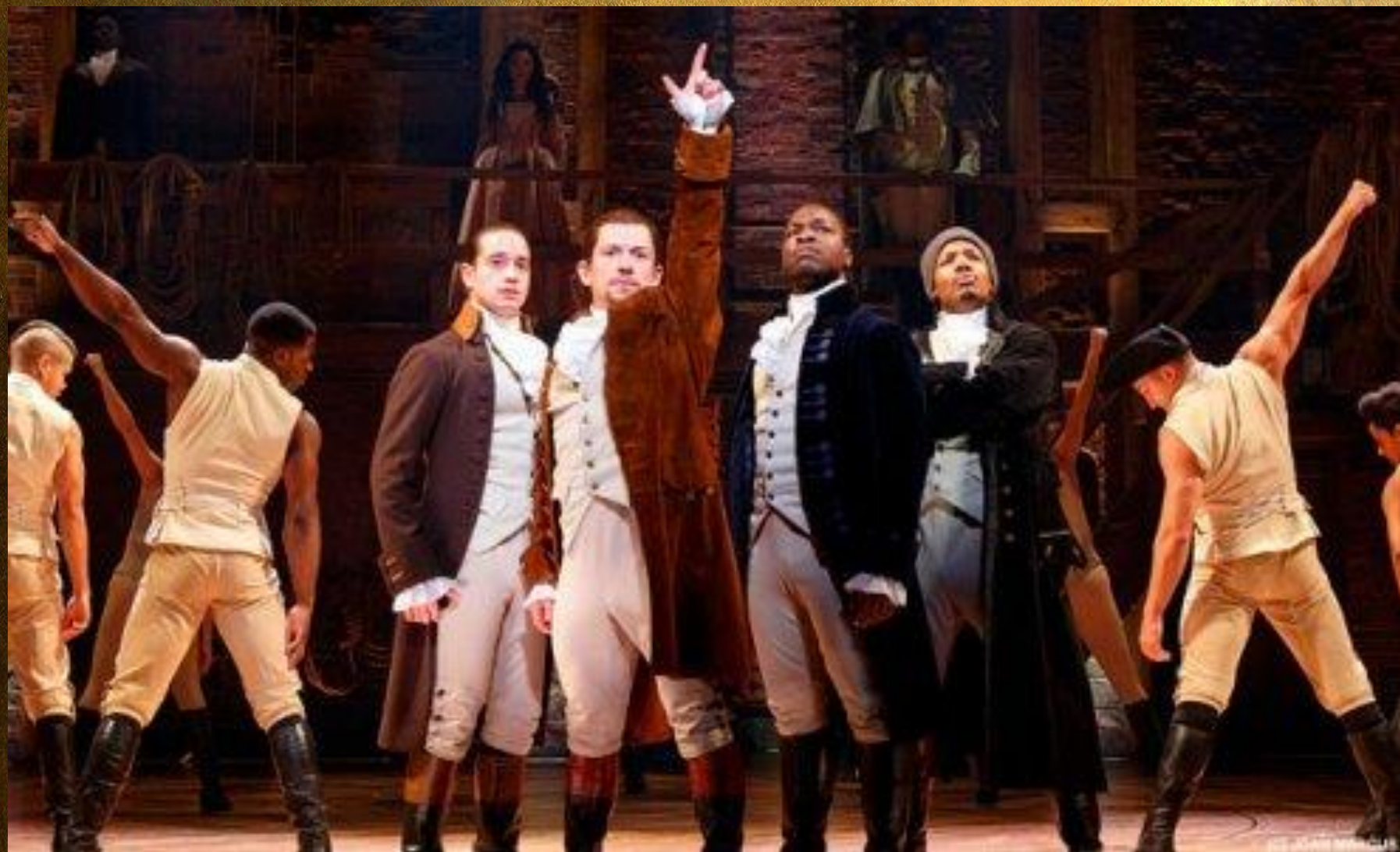
Hamilton is a musical based on the life of Alexander Hamilton, one America's Founding Fathers, using a racially diverse cast through a mix of hip-hop, rap and other modern musical styles.

The show's creator and star, Lin Manuel Miranda, has described it as:

“America then, as told by America now”









Thanks to a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation and the Gilder Lehrman Institute for American History we were able to get tickets at a drastically reduced price for juniors and seniors enrolled in US History courses.

A total of 217 students Thornwood students, ranging from IB students to those with Special Needs, participated in the project, 110 of whom were able to attend the field trip to see the show on December 13th





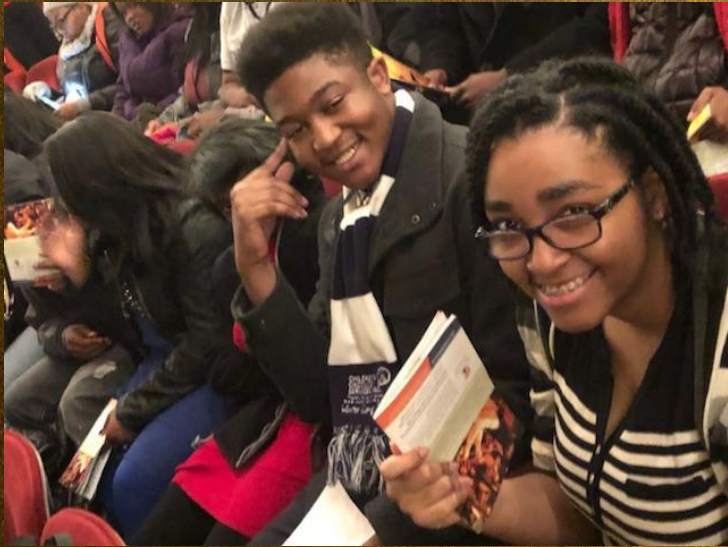
Part of the project was the creation of an original performance piece (a song, poem, skit, etc) based on primary source documents related to the Revolutionary period.

Of all those performance pieces, teachers chose the best from their classes, which was then narrowed to the best from each school and sent to the organizers of the trip who chose the very best 20 performances out of nearly 1600 students in attendance.

One student from Thornwood, Kweisi Bryant, was among those selected to perform.









Thank you to District 205 for making this trip possible!

New Business

- *Recommended Approval of Overnight Field Trip–
Mrs. Williams (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- *Recommended Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip–
Mr. Willis (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- *Recommended Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip –
Mr. Ratliff (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- *Recommended Approval of Resolution providing for the issue of \$2,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2018 of the District, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof–*

Mr. Horton (Approval Needed)

New Business

- *Recommended Approval of Warehouse Heater Replacement–
Mr. Horton (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- Outlook Academy Possible Location Change–
Mr. Fickes

New Business

- *Proposed Math Curriculum Changes–
Mr. Fickes*



Thornton Township High School District 205

**Proposed Mathematics
Curriculum Revisions
February 2018**



Integrated Pathway

- CCSS 2010 offers traditional & integrated pathways
- SAT focuses on Algebraic Thinking and Data Analysis
- Traditional Geometry concepts are small portion SAT
- Strengthen opportunities for interdisciplinary connections
- State and national model math curricula follow Integrated Pathway (Math 1, Math 2, Math 3)



Restructured Support Class

- Single Period, Detached Elective Class
- Taught by a member of Core Math Course
- Course Structure (possible example)
 - 2 days: Pre-teach, re-engagement, math talks - current math unit
 - 2 days: Prerequisite skills, Khan Academy, Aleks, Curriculum Online Support
 - 1 day: Study Skills, AVID Strategies, Progress Monitoring, Goal Setting



Preparation for Math 1

- Single Period Course
- Retest and Summer Boost options
- Focus on remediation of Standards for Mathematical Practices and CCMSS 08

New Business

- *Recommended Approval of Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) Program Support–
Mr. Fickes (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- *Recommended Approval of Certiport Curriculum Software Package–
Mr. Fickes (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- *Recommended Approval of Sylvan Supplemental Services for SAT Preparations –
Mr. Fickes (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- *Recommended Approval of 2018 Summer School Calendar –
Mr. Fickes (Approval Needed)*

Superintendent's Report

Executive Session

- Closed session pursuant to Section 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to consider:
 - *“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

Action Items Following **Executive Session**

- ❖ *Possible Action Concerning Student Discipline*
- ❖ *Possible Action Concerning Teacher Step Increase*
- ❖ *Possible Action Concerning Teacher Stipend Request*
- ❖ *Possible Action Concerning Teacher Resignation Agreement*
- ❖ *Possible Action Concerning Superintendent Contract*

Adjournment

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

6:30pm

Thornton High School