Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
November 21, 2024	Recognition Item 2

Title

State School Superintendent's Student Advisory Council

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of River Ridge High School Junior Udi Gitau for Being Selected to Serve on State School Superintendent's Student Advisory Council

Summary Explanation and Background

River Ridge High School junior Udi Gitau is among the 74 high school students from across the state selected for the prestigious role. State School Superintendent Richard Woods chose his student advisors based on their applications and answers to essay questions about improving public education.

The group will meet with Superintendent Woods throughout the school year beginning in November to talk about how state policies affect their schools.

As founder and co-captain of River Ridge's economics team, Udi became one of 10 state finalists in the Georgia Economic Challenge, competing at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. He also leads as president of the school's math team, earning second place in the Perennial Math competition, and he has significantly increased team membership through his outreach strategies.

Udi's leadership extends to his role as vice president of finance for DECA, the student organization for future marketing, finance, hospitality and management professionals. He placed fourth at DECA's State Career Development Conference in the financial consulting competition, and qualified for DECA's International Career Development Conference, breaking a school record by competing internationally.

Vice president of both the school Earth club and National Beta chapter, Udi has led successful recycling and fundraising initiatives and spearheaded community service events. His summer internship at Interra International provided him with valuable experience including conducting an intercompany audit and collaborating with international offices.

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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