Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
March 20, 2025	Recognition Item 2

Title

U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Candidates

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Candidates -- Cherokee High School senior Elliana Mathews and River Ridge High School senior Alfred Tang

Summary Explanation and Background

Cherokee High School senior Elliana Mathews and River Ridge High School senior Alfred Tang are among only 4,000 students selected as candidates for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program from the more than 3 million graduating seniors in the nation's Class of 2025. Only 216 students from Georgia were recognized with this prestigious honor.

This outstanding news recognizes our honorees' longtime dedication to academic excellence, school engagement, and community service. Their recognition also honors the unparalleled talent and unmatched dedication of our teachers, and the continued investment by our School Board in advanced academics and extra-curricular programs.

Established in 1964 by executive order of the President, the program honors extraordinary graduating seniors. Candidates for the invitation-only recognition program are initially selected based on outstanding performance on the ACT or SAT. For the next round of competition, semi-finalists will be selected based on an application that considers overall academic excellence, personal character, leadership and service activities. Finalists will be selected based on further review of their success in these areas, with 161 Scholars to be named in the spring. Scholars receive national recognition and an invitation to an all-expenses paid trip to the White House.

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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