



THORNTON TOWNSHIP  
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

# BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

**FEBRUARY 14, 2025**

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# **OPEN SESSION**

C A L L T O O R D E R

# **ROLL CALL**

# **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**



# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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



# CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes** dated January 8, 2025
- B. **Approval of District 205 Bills:** Dated January 8, 2025, through February 11, 2025
- C. **Personnel:** Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires & Terminations dated February 11, 2025

# CONSENT AGENDA

## D. Ratification:

- i. Approval of the Thornwood Cheerleading Competition, Overnight Trip, Springfield, IL, January 11- January 12, 2025
- ii. Approval of the Thornton Girls Wrestling Tournament, Overnight Trip, Carbondale, IL, January 24- January 25, 2025
- iii. Approval of the Thornwood All State Music Festival, Overnight Trip, Peoria, IL, January 30- February 1, 2025
- iv. Approval of the Thornwood Competitive Dance IHSA Competition, Bloomington, IL, January 30- February 1, 2025
- v. Approval of the Special Olympics Snowshoe State Games, Galena, IL, February 11- 13, 2025
- vi. Approval of the Thornton Chess IHSA State Competition, Overnight Trip, Peoria, IL, February 13- February 15, 2025
- vii. Approval of the Thornwood Chess IHSA State Competition, Overnight Trip, Peoria, IL, February 13- February 15, 2025
- viii. Approval of the Thornwood Competitive Dance IDTA State Competition, Overnight Trip, Springfield, IL, February 14- 16, 2025

# 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 (FOIA)

DR. DOSS





THORNTON TOWNSHIP  
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# COMMUNICATIONS

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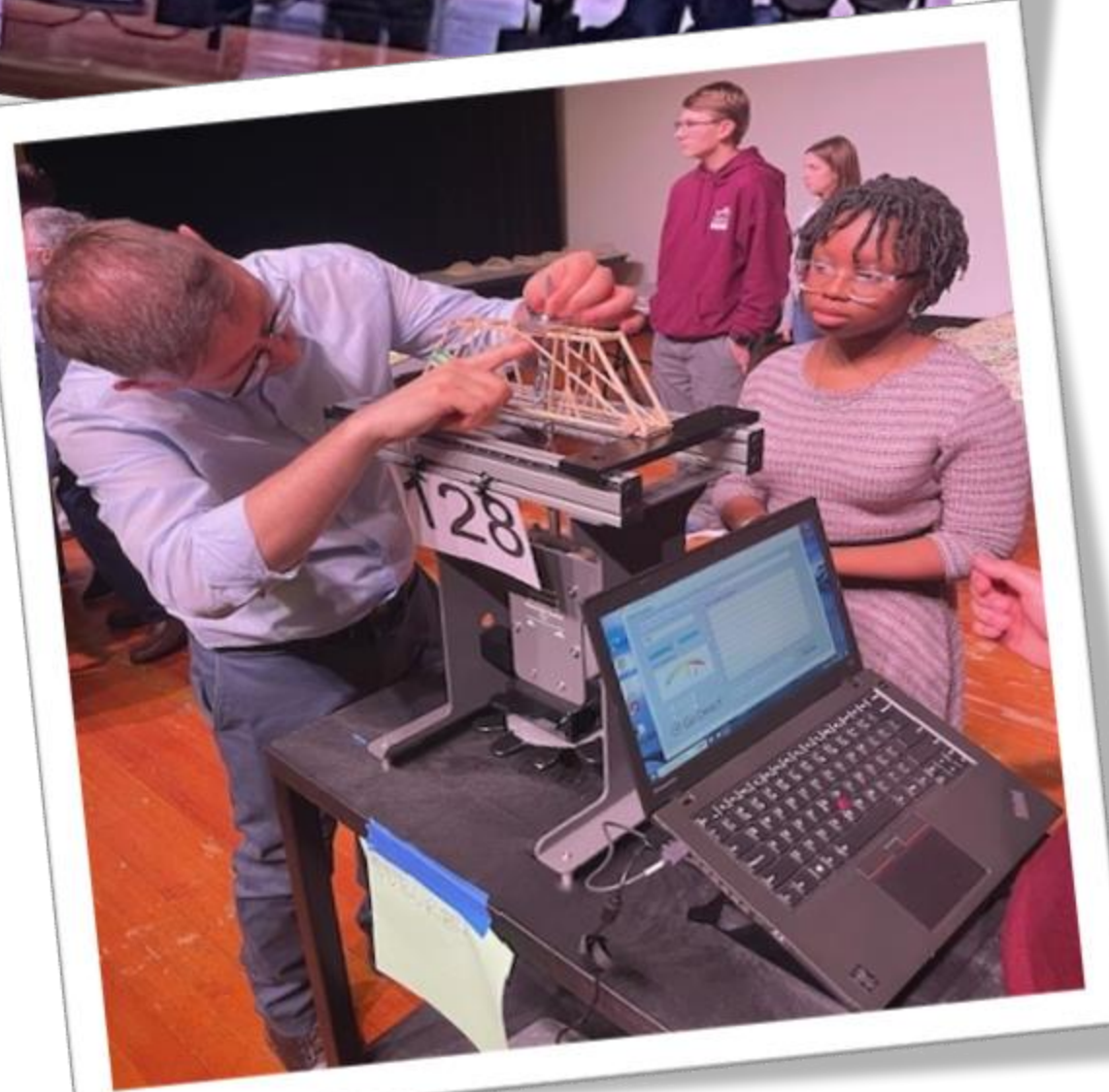


## SCIENCE CLUB

Tuesday, January 28, three senior members of the Thornridge Science Club participated in the regional Bridge Building Competition at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT). Kaliah Oparah, Morgan Sumlin, and Jakyla Grant proudly represented our school in this long-standing regional competition against students from various high schools, including Lincoln Way and Whitney Young.

A special thank you to Mr. Hedden, who was instrumental in guiding the students from the time they began building their bridges in November. He was also present on stage as they tested their bridges with the judges.

Please join us in congratulating and celebrating their hard work and dedication!





## Biomedical Class

Thursday, January 30, 2025,  
Ms. Raich Biomedical class  
demonstrated a variety of  
routine tests conducted  
during a visit to the doctor's  
office for physical  
examinations. Preparing our  
future physicians!





## HBCU College Panel *with TR Alumni*

On Thursday, January 9, 2025, a few Thornridge alumni who are presently attending HBCUs visited TR to give essential college preparation tips with our underclassmen, as well as insights on their own HBCU and overall college experience. There was representation from *Spelman College, Morehouse College, Clark Atlanta University, and North Carolina A&T University*. Additionally, there was representation from Illinois state institutions too - the *University of Urbana-Champaign & Western Illinois University*.





## Illinois State Scholars

In recognition of five seniors from Thornridge's **Class of 2025** who have excelled academically, we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to them as they have been named recipients of the *Illinois State Scholar Program*.

*Congrats to: Harmony Davis, Abdulbasit Lawal,  
Dorothy Omokowajo,  
Kaliah Oparah, Nchetachukwu Uche-Okeke*





## Congratulations

D205 Girls Bowling team on  
winning **1st place** and becoming  
Conference Champions!

Also, congrats on coming in **2nd** and  
**7th Place** for individuals with the  
most pin count!

*Great Job* Head Coach Goodwin and  
Assistant Coach Lawson of  
Thornridge High School!

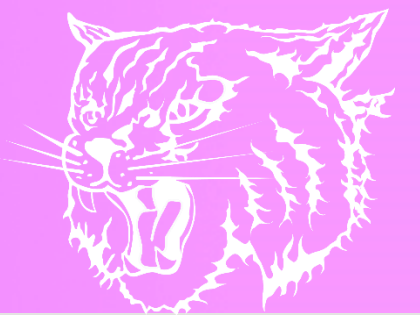




With their rockstar themed routine, Thornton's cheerleaders rocked the mat and secured the 1<sup>st</sup> place win at the ICCA State Competition in the coed division. This win solidifies their mark in the history book as the first Thornton cheer team to ever win an ICCA championship. Also, Mason Bryant was named to the ICCA All State cheerleading team.

### CONGRATULATIONS WILDCAT CHEERLEADERS!

NaKaia Bell	Kennedy Marshall
Mason Bryant	Shaniyah Nelson
Vaniyah Carter	
Damarion Crisler	
Keilah Dixon	
Jada Hill	
Makinzi Hillman	
Talaiah Huggs	
Aurionna Jackson	
Brianna Jackson	
Sarae Jackson	
Tyler Long	
Me'Cai Lockett	
Amirah Marshall	





## HONOR ROLL CELEBRATION

Students received Certificates from their Counselors and they were able to enjoy "Calumet Bakery Donuts."

CONGRATULATIONS!



140 Freshmen Students, 103 Sophomore Students, 104 Junior Students, and 115 Senior Students







On February 1, 2025, Twenty-five Thornton students participated in the **Shot of Art** Experience. The shot of art experience aligned with the Vent programs mission, providing students with a therapeutic, art-based activity that supported their SEL development and over all wellbeing.

The Vent programs mission is designed to bridge therapy with the arts, using creative expression to enhance emotional intelligence, self-awareness, and social connection





Thornwood Dance Team Participated in the IHSA State Dance Competition.  
No other teams in our conference from cheer or dance qualified for state.

We are ranked 21st in the State!







# POPs Patrol Winter Clothes Drive

Dec 9th-Jan 10th

- Special Shout Out to Mr. Allen for creating the Collection Bins
  - 272 Articles of Winter Clothing
  - Donated to the Restoration Ministries
  - Support for Community Members in Need

## POPS PATROL VOLUNTEERS

Principal Holmes	Mr. Stevens	Mr. West
Mr. Dennis Allen	Mr. Charles Sergeant	Mr. Graham
Mr. Blue	Mr. Jermaine Bulie	Mr. Stevens
Mr. Graham	Mr. Mustapha Sanni	



We Salute Michael Blair & Tyrone Richardson



These 2 gentlemen strive to help those who need it most, often those who don't ask—those right beside them, quietly enduring, and especially the children who often go unnoticed. Eleven (11) years ago Blair & Tyrone along with some friends, founded **Push To Be Great** (a 501c3 non-profit) [www.pushtobegreat.com](http://www.pushtobegreat.com), to make a difference in the lives of those who needed it most.

Ron Ford, and the Ask Dr. Ron Show, in conjunction with Global Management Enterprise, **nominated Tyrone Richardson and Michael Blair for the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award.** For their humanitarian work they have been doing in their community and school district 205 for the past 11 years. They are both honored and humbled by this recognition. **Their motto is: *It truly is a blessing....to be a blessing.***



"Push To Be Great" DATE August 14, 2023

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Paris Harris \$ 2,500.<sup>00</sup>

Two thousand five hundred <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> DOLLARS

FOR Education Scholarship Tyrone Richardson

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**Congratulations!**

## Thornwood Chess Team

and club sponsor, Michael Blair,  
on qualifying for the 2025 Team  
Chess IHSA State Finals!





Thornwood's  
**Varsity Cheer Squad**  
Took 1st place in Conference on January 22, 2025. We are proud of our team!!!

And A Special Shout Out to the Coaches:  
Head Coaches:  
Billie Griggs & Kayla Buckley

Asst. Coaches:  
Corrine Wilkerson & Shacoya Richies





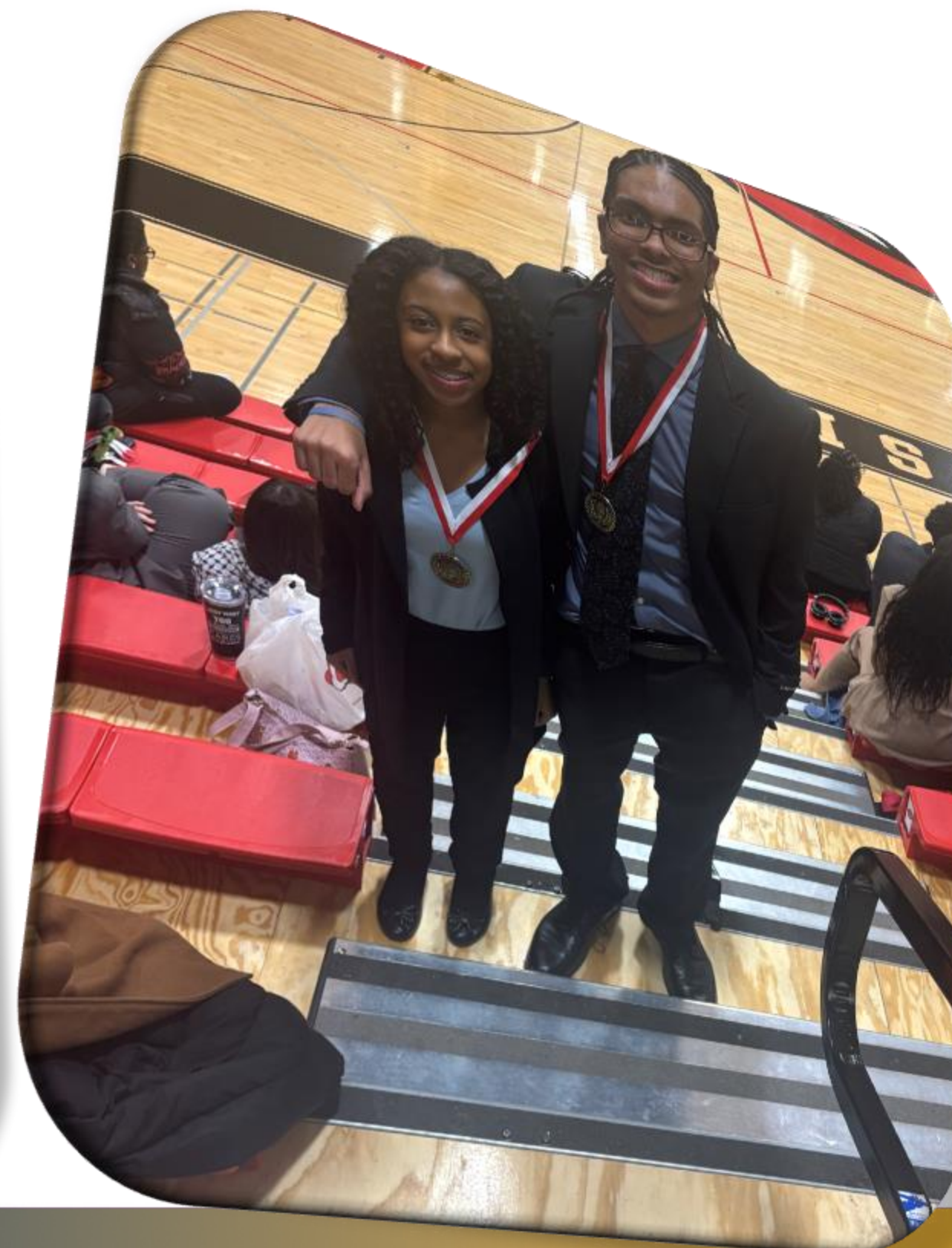
## Speech Team Competed at the 49th Theater!

Winners were:

**Ariana Whitaker**

**Sin'que Dorsey**

**Jociaya Edwards**





# **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Presentation: Student Board of Education's Breaking the Cycle Event-  
Dr. Doss



# BREAKING THE CYCLE

A MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS EVENT

SPONSORED BY



**Saturday, March 15, 2025**  
**1:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

**Thornton Township High School (Fieldhouse)**  
15001 Broadway Avenue Harvey, IL 60426

## ACTIVITIES/RESOURCES THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE:

- ART THERAPY
- COMFORT DOGS
- YOGA
- MENTAL HEALTH KITS
- BOUNCE HOUSES
- FIRST RESPONDERS VEHICLE
- GAMES
- ORGANIZATIONS
- RAFFLES



**SCAN HERE  
TO REGISTER**



# **NEW BUSINESS**

B. Recommended Approval: PRESS Plus Update Policy 2:265, Title IX Grievance Procedure- Dr. Doss

# NEW BUSINESS

## C. First Reading of PRESS Plus Policy Update 117 (30 Day Review)- Dr. Doss

- i. **DRAFT UPDATE-** 2:120, Board Member Development; 4:30, Revenue and Investments; 4:60, Purchases and Contracts; 4:150, Facility Management and Building; 4:170, Safety; 5:10, Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment; 5:20, Workplace Harassment Prohibited; 5:90, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting; 5:120, Employee Ethics; 5:125, Personal Technology and Social media; 5:230, Maintaining Student Discipline; 6:60, Curriculum Content; 6:135, Accelerated Placement Program; 6:270, Guidance and Counseling; 7:10, Equal Educational Opportunities; 7:100, Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; and Exclusion of Students; 7:180, Prevention and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment; 7:200, Suspension Procedures; 8:10, Connection with the Community
- ii. **REVIEW AND MONITORING-** 2:105, Ethics and Gift Ban; 2:110, Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers; 2:140, Communications To and From the Board; 2:250, Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records; 3:60, Event Reporting and Notice Requirement for Building Principals Concerning School Safety and Security; 4:10, Fiscal and Business Management; 4:40, Incurring Debt; 4:160, Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds; 4:190, Targeted School Violence Prevention Program; 5:30, Hiring Process and Criteria; 5:35, Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest; Usage and Conduct; 5:150, Personnel Records; 6:20, School Year Calendar and Day; 6:65, Student Social and Emotional Development; 6:340, Student Testing and Assessment Program; 7:160, Student Appearance; 7:165, School Uniforms; 7:190, Student Handbook; 7:340, School Student Records



# **NEW BUSINESS**

D. Recommended Approval: D205 TV & Digital Signage- Ms. Thornton

# D205 TV

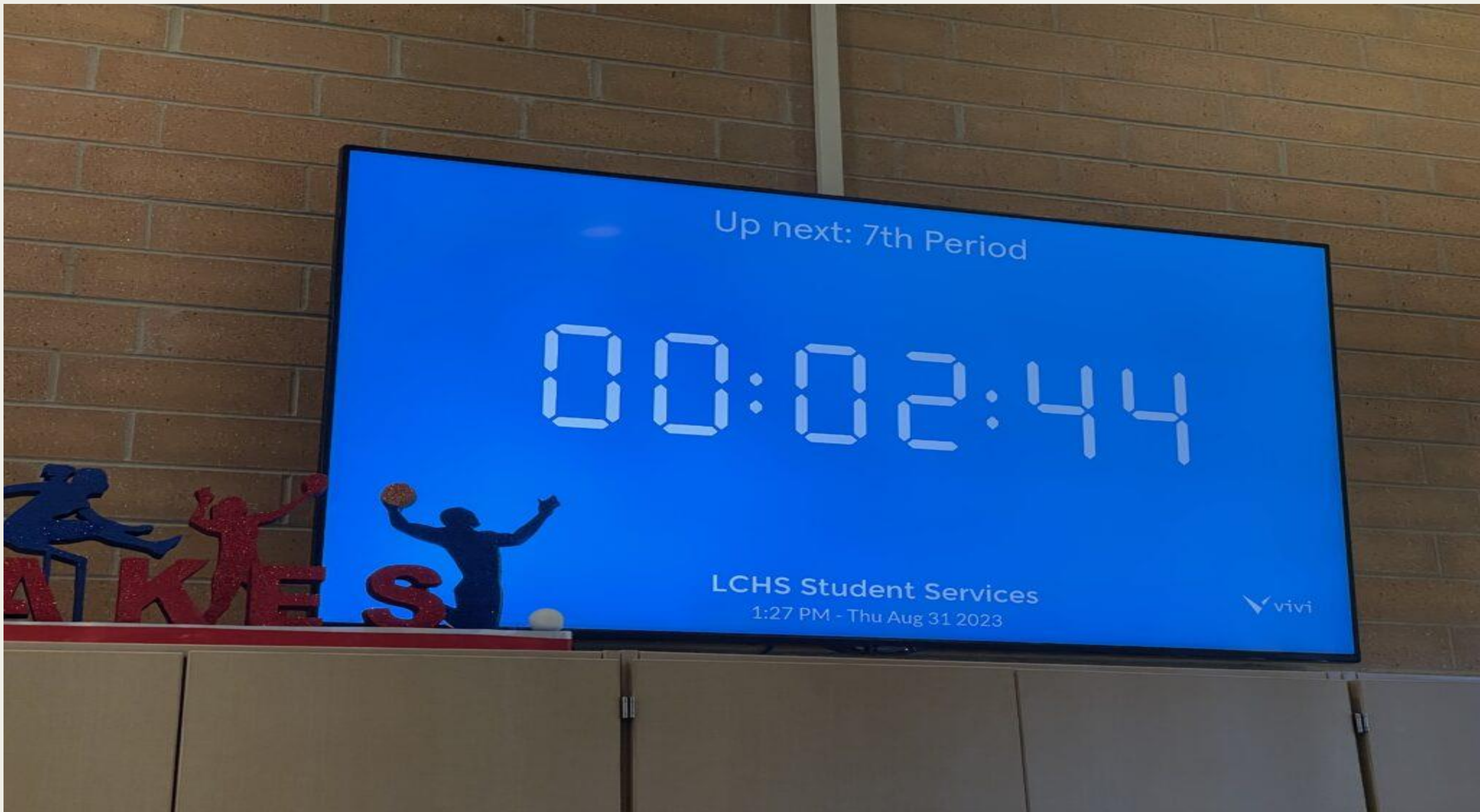
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**Improving Communications Through the Use of Digital Signage**



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## Example 2

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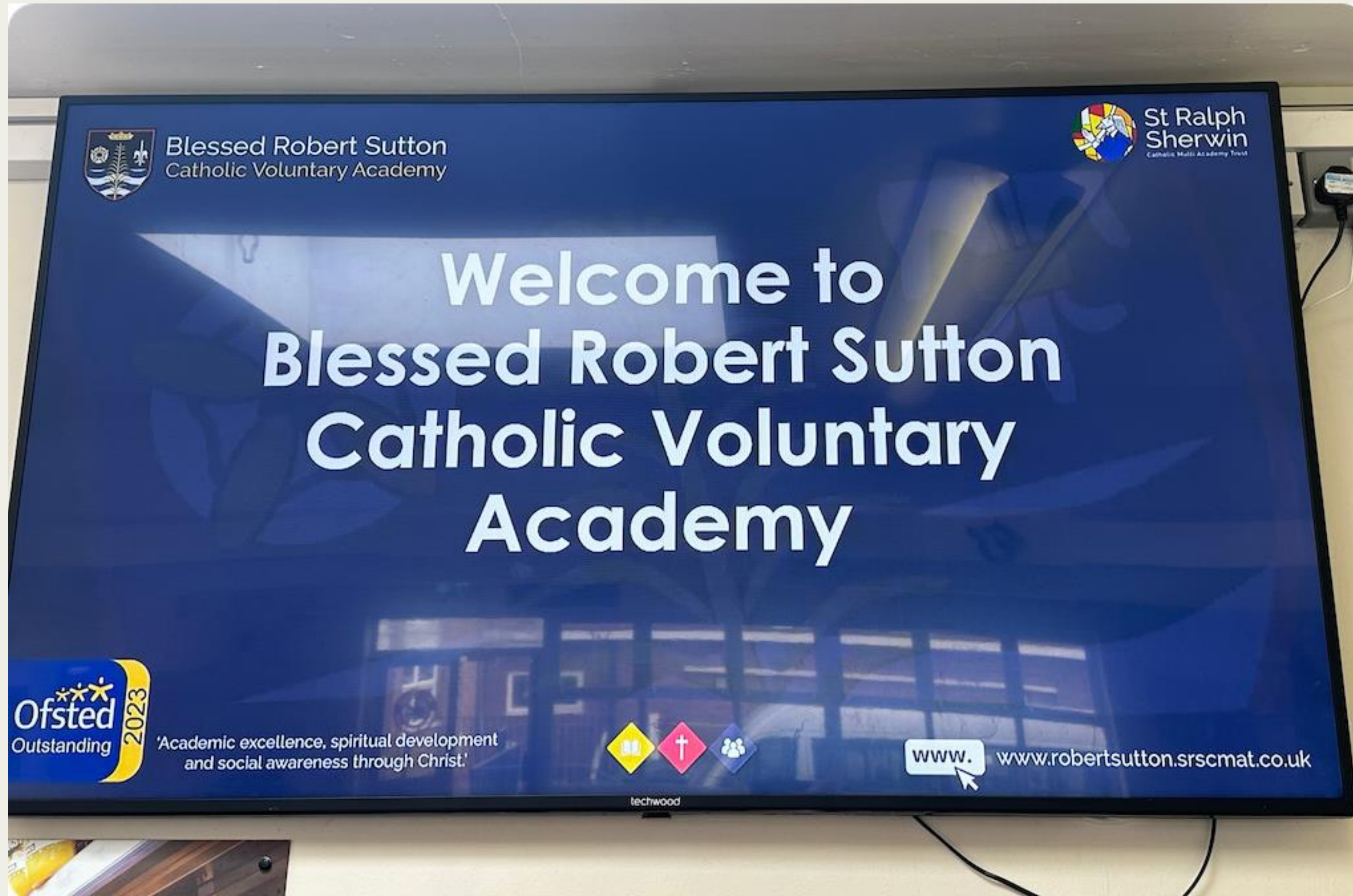


Announcements



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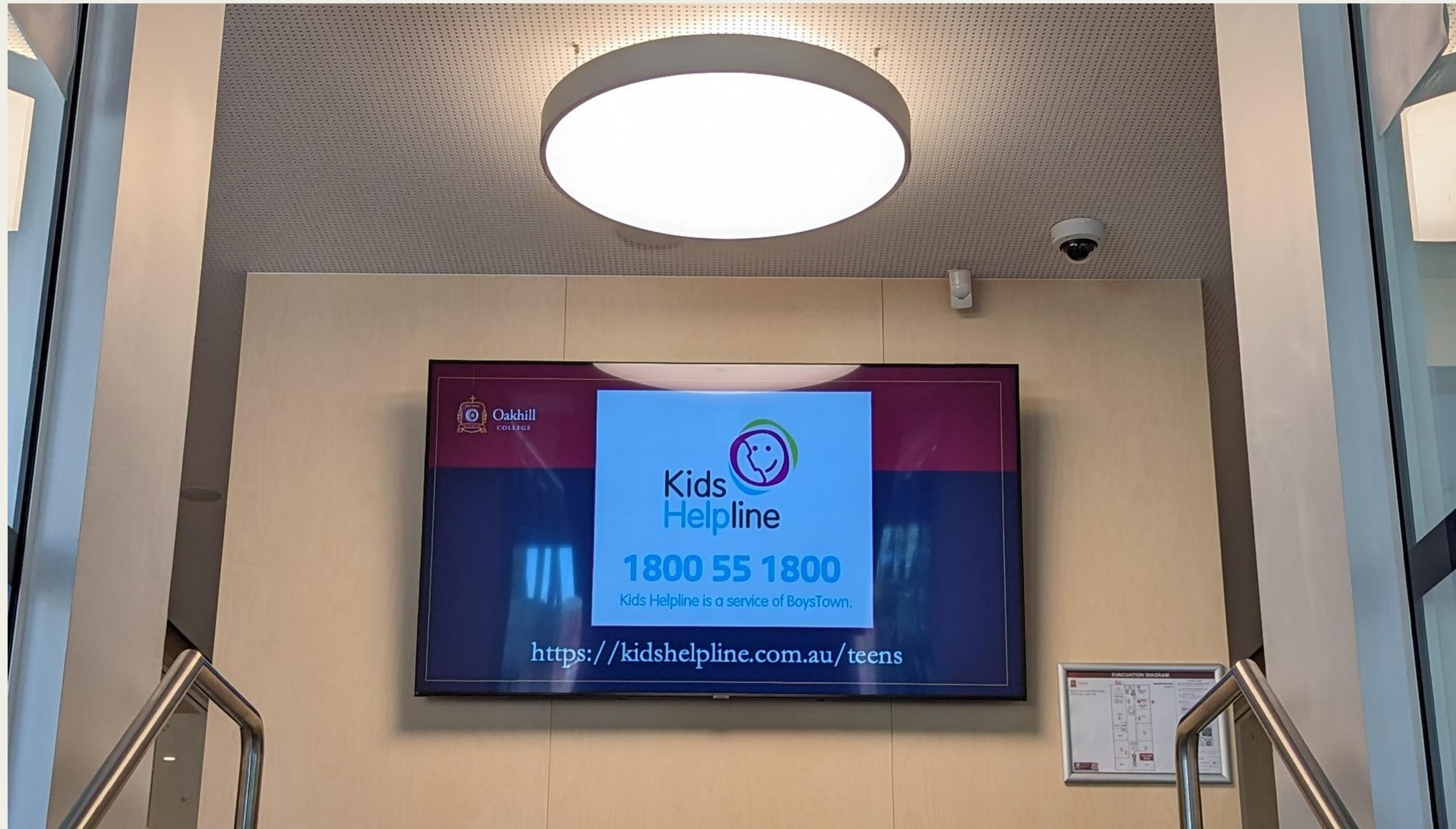
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## Example 4

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## Example 5

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# **NEW BUSINESS**

E. Resolution to Abate Property Taxes Pursuant to Receiving the 2024 and 2025 Property Tax Relief Grant- Mr. Horton



# **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**



# 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;
  - Individual Student Issues;
  - Collective negotiating matters; and
  - Pending, probable or imminent litigation



# **RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

- A. Possible Action to Approve Notice to Remedy for Tenured Teacher A
- B. Possible Action to Approve Resignation and Release for Tenured Teacher B



# ADJOURNMENT

**Next Regular Meeting**

**March 12, 2025**

## **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