Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
May 15, 2025	Recognition Item 5

Title

State Science and Engineering Fair Winners

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of State Science and Engineering Fair Winners

Summary Explanation and Background

Cherokee County School District middle school students earned top honors at the Georgia Science and Engineering Fair and one now advances to national competition!

Two E.T. Booth Middle School students, after earning high honors at regional competition to advance, placed in the top three in their category at the annual statewide fair recently held at the University of Georgia. Congratulations to the honorees and their teachers and thank you to the School Board for its continued investment in STEM learning and research!

Sixth-grader Hudson Gillentine earned four top honors for his project, "The Alchemy of Elasticity: Turning Stretch into Power." He won Junior Division Best in Materials Science, Outstanding 6th Grade Project and Junior Division First Honors. Hudson also was named a nominee for the Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge, the nation's premier science fair competition for sixth- through eighth-grade students. Finalists receive an expense-paid trip to Washington, DC in October to compete for more than $100,000 in prizes.

Sixth-grader Rishabh Pandya for his project, "Seismic Safety," earned Junior Division Second Honors at the statewide competition.

Science teacher Adrianna Flieger served as the teacher advisor for both projects.

CCSD middle and high school students compete at a regional event for the opportunity to vie for top honors at the statewide fair. Elementary school students compete separately in the Georgia College K-5 State Science Fair.

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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