

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
October 15, 2025	Recognition Item 1

Title	
National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists	
Requested Action	
School Board Recognition of National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists	
Summary Explanation and Background	
Ten Cherokee County School District high school seniors are 2027 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists! Congratulations to: of Cherokee High School, Kavya Desai, Madeline Flournoy, and William Mizelle; of Creekview HS, Emeline Cromer and Marley Greenwell; of Etowah HS, Maanas Bellamkonda and Rohan Pandya; and of Sequoyah HS, Luke Griffies, Ava Lindberg, and Alexander Severson. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation oversees the prestigious competition, and has named 16,000 semifinalists, who were chosen from more than 1.2 million students based on exceptional 2025 PSAT scores. For the next level of competition, the students will complete an application detailing academic achievements, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors; an endorsement and recommendation from a high school official; and an essay. Students must additionally have earned SAT scores that confirm their PSAT performance. National Merit then will announce the 15,000 finalists, who will compete for 6,700 scholarships worth about \$24 million to be awarded in the spring.	
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