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## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM NO:** 3.4

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020

**OPENING ITEM:** Outstanding Achievements

**SUBMITTED BY:** Margie Jones, Administrative Assistant

**PRESENTED BY:** Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

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I am pleased to highlight the following CFSD student and staff achievements:

### Esperero State Basketball Champions

The ECMS 7th grade boys basketball team won a state championship on February 29. Team members are Luke Dickson, Jake Erickson, Nicholas Fitzgerald, Caiden Johnson, Josh Max, Kene Nelson, Jonah O'Dowd, Zachary Persellin, Tyler Ruiz, Luke Schild, Ari Schiller, Jayden Scholz, and Nate Shoemaker. Mr. Max is their coach.

The 8th grade boys basketball team finished their season, making it to the fourth round in state play. Team members are Diego Baca, Luke Bonaime, Nicholas Brooks, Samuel Delgado, Logan Freas, Hayden Galas, Jake Gee, Ethan Hellbusch, Rice Hughes, Cameron Kroeger, Zachary Levy, Ryan Rudner, Own Willis, Victor Yevzerova, and Harvey Sayon. Their coach is Brad Greenwell.

### DECA

The high school DECA team of 18 students competed in the DECA State Career Development Conference in Phoenix on February 21-23. Alexis Tretschok and Lauren Vaz placed 4th in the Entrepreneurship event. Melanie Dasch placed 5th in the Principles of Hospitality and Tourism event. Maddie Ballis and Melanie Dasch won exam medals for scoring in the top 10% in the state. Mariah Rocha, Isabella Estrella, Eddie Uche, and Joseph Vouvakis took home medals as section winners in their events. Lauren, Alexis, and Melanie now advance to the International Career Development Conference in Nashville, TN, April 28-May 3. Their teacher/coach is Jason Reinhardt.

### Science Olympiad

Both the Esperero and Orange Grove Science Olympiad teams will advance to state championship based on their finishes at the 2020 Southern Regional tournament held on February 29. Esperero won 2nd place and Orange Grove 3rd place. Esperero team members are Joao Amorim, Francesca Barela, Sabina Coan, Sonali Coan, Lily Figeroa, Addison Fluegel, Evelyn Hastings, Caiden Johnson, Steven Klestadt, Loma Leschak, Lariss Limesand, Siena Mayfield, Nadia McNeill, Anna Nielson, Sara Nielsen, and Alycia Oh. Their coach is Anne Neuenschwander. Orange Grove team members are David Aguirre, Connor Beck, Rowan Cafiero, Logan Curley, Dean Gill, Conner Gillespie, Maximilian Henry, Gabriel Malo-Molina, Joseph Myrmo, Julian Sabalos, Forest Saxe, Kyle Sebring, Marc Schumacher, and Jake Toole. Their coach is Melinda Skinner.

### High School Marching Band

CFHS's marching band won the Paul Grimes Performance Award at the 2020 Tucson Rodeo Parade.

### Winterguard

CFHS Winterguard won 1st place in their division at the WGAZ Guard Focus Competition on February 29. The team scored 70.090, a margin of nearly 7 points over the second-place team. Team members are Katrina Bennett, Payton Bergin, Amalie Bergmann, Emma Blakely, Madeline Blakely, Katherine Boesen, Emelia Bregman, Marina Couto, Riley Fields, Jillienne Fontana, Lynn Highton, Sarah Lindner, Cayleigh Manley, Hadley Masterson, Abbey McDole, Anna Mendoza, Jessica Milliken, Ellie Moffet, Monica Montoya-Gaxiola, Erin Oxnam, Gabriella Oxnam, Caroline Pyle, Reese Royer, Maya Schaan, Trianna Schurig, Anya Servidio, Avery Sita, Zachary Sump, Lauren Thaller, Grace Vaughn Sacks, Daniela Villarreal, Tia Wood, and Maria Zavros-Finnegan. Their coaches are Audrey Louie and Kathleen Lefiles.

### Speech & Debate

The high school speech & debate team competed at state with the following wins: State Champion - Josh Tint, 1st place in Big Questions ("Does objective morality exist?"); Finalists - Yusuf Rahman, 4th in his house in Congress; Jake Martin and Jake Migel, 4th overall, Duet Acting; Semifinalists - Bella Wexler, Prose; Eliana Siegel, Dramatic Interpretation; Romit Banerjee and Josh Tint, Duo Interpretation; Romit Banerjee, Humorous Interpretation. Their teacher coach is Angela Hill.

### First Lego League (FLL)

City Shaders, Orange Grove's FFL team, have been selected to participate in the LEGOLAND Open Invitational in May. City Shaders earned 3rd place for robot

performance and mechanical design at the FLL state tournament in January. This year's challenge was for teams to identify a problem with a building or public space in their community, design a solution, and share the solution with FLL judges. Team members are Sa'id Badereen, Connor Belokovski (ECMS), Ingrid Benito, Landon Chang, Dante Franco, Maija Hildebrand, Rory McGuire, Luke Sadalla, and Zacarias Young. Their teacher coach is Charlotte Ackerman.

### Robotics

The CFHS Pioneer 327 won the Motivate Award for exhibiting outstanding teamwork and sparking enthusiasm for robotics at the FIRST Tech Challenge state championship. Forty-eight teams representing Arizona, California, Colorado, and Mexico competed for one of the five major awards (Inspire, Motivate, Connect, Think and Design). Team members are Jerry Barela, Josh Barlow, David Berk, Braeden Cantor-Goldner, Danil Clayton, Joseph Cohen, Delaney Endean, Nik Gruber, Mohamed Katbah, Dexi Lin, Ben Seckeler, Gianluca Tenino, Josh Tint, Jeremy Wang, and Noah Wellman. Their coaches are Charlotte Ackerman and Mark Haye.

### Soccer

The CFHS school girls soccer team advanced to the state championships, held in Gilbert, AZ on Tuesday, February 25. The Lady Falcons controlled the ball for most of the game and had several close attempts at goals. In the end, the match was decided on penalty kicks, with Flagstaff winning 4-2. Our team members are: Aliya Armand, Catherine Bennett, Flavia Burrell, Uriah Burrell, Rebecca Burrows, Isabella Cerveri, Emily Chinnock, Emma Danforth, Hannah Draper, Caiden Dwyer, Sophie Fell, Kristin Finn, Maya Fosdick, Alyssa Johnson, Katelyn Kelch, Sophie Luzader, Caitlyn Maher, Clare McCarthy, Solei Moton, Ixta Mendez, Emma Nance, Sierra Rabenneck, Ellie Robinson, Dania Shabet, Carolina Silva, Grace Shoemaker, and Sania Tuli. Their coach is Sou Torres.

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**Recommended Motion: Information Item**