



CALAVERAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA SUBMITTAL

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| Short Name/Subject 2019 CHS Valedictorians | Board Meeting Date May 28, 2019 | Agenda Number 8 |
| Dept: Board of Supervisors Div: District 2 Contact: John Garamendi Phone: 209/286-9003 | Supervisory District Number Countywide | Recognition and Acknowledgements |
| Published Notice Required? No Public Hearing Required? No | | Estimated Time: 15 Minutes |
| Type of Document? Proclamation PowerPoint Presentation Included? No Budget Transfer Included (Must be signed by Auditor)? No Complete Agreement Required? No Position Allocation Change? No | | |

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Proclamation recognizing the 2019 Valedictorians from Calaveras High School.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

Most schools award the title of valedictorian to the student who graduates with the highest cumulative GPA. The cumulative GPA is the average of every final grade that was achieved throughout high school. Additionally, most schools use a weighted average when ranking students. In other words, grades from AP and IB courses are given extra points to account for the difficulty of the course.

Furthermore, valedictorians are usually named during the second semester of their senior year, and the award comes with a few special perks. First, the valedictorians usually gets special graduation regalia or graduation attire to help them stand out from the crowd. This can be a different colored robe, a unique tassel on their mortarboard, or an additional stole, cord, or medal. Each school has a unique set of regalia, but there is definitely additional swag for the hard work.

Second—and more importantly—the valedictorian plays an important role in the graduation ceremony. Unlike most graduates, who will only come on stage to get their diploma, valedictorians usually sit on stage and actually participate in the ceremony itself by giving a speech. Because the valedictorians are the top of the class, they serve as representatives for their classmates, which is a huge honor. Their speech is a farewell to their fellow classmates and serves as the capstone on their high school experience.

FINANCING:

There is no financial impact associated with the recognition of these students.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to adopt the proclamation.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Calaveras High School

2019 CHS Valedictorians
May 28, 2019

APPROVED BY:

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