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# WINTER 2024 DISTRICT DISPATCH

### North Syracuse Central School District

## **Cicero-North Syracuse Marching Band:** A Tradition of Excellence

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The Cicero-North Syracuse Marching Band has etched its name into the history books for the second year in a row. The band has earned the title of New York State Champions in the prestigious National Class. The North Syracuse Central School District Board of Education honored the band at a recent board meeting. Their outstanding accomplishment and tradition of excellence were celebrated with certificates of recognition being presented to Band Director Karen Seamans and Assistant Director Drew Rebecchi.

Board of Education President Paul Farfaglia expressed his admiration stating, "earning this title just one time is a tremendous honor, but for the band to have earned it twice in consecutive years is exceptional."

This success is testament to a history of dedication, discipline, and artistic prowess that the Cicero-North Syracuse Marching Band has displayed over the years. The band's commitment to

musical innovation, precision in execution, and unwavering spirit has not only enriched the cultural landscape of the community but also set a standard of excellence for aspiring musicians.

In a recent interview, Karen Seamans, the band director since 2013, shared insights into the band's history and the factors contributing to its success. Seamans, who has been involved with the band since 1993, spoke about her love for the pageantry and sense of community that comes with being part of a team.

When asked about what makes the group work so well together, Seamans emphasized the unique dynamics of marching band. With no "bench" to sit on, success depends on every member meeting expectations. Instead of competing for spots, students collaborate, fostering a mentorship atmosphere that spans from 7th to 12th-grade. Seamans hopes that these experiences instill responsibility, accountability, and teamwork, guiding students into the real world with valuable life lessons.

Congratulations to the CNS Marching Band for continuing their tradition of excellence!



Pictured left to right: Karen Seamans, Drew Rebecchi, Paul Farfaglia, Dan Bowles and Daryle Redmond

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### **DISTRICT INFORMATION**

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#### **2024 Board of Education Meetings**

January 22, 2024 February 5 & 26, 2024 March 4 & 18, 2024 April 1 & 17, 2024 May 6 & 13, 2024 June 3 & 17, 2024

#### **Newsletter Information**

The District Dispatch is published by the NSCSD to inform residents about issues, events and achievements. Suggestions are welcome and should be directed to:

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## Thoughts from the Superintendent

Happy New Year North Syracuse Central School District!

I'm excited to share this issue of the District Dispatch with you. This school year has been exceptional and full of positive happenings. We are sharing just a few of them here in this bulletin. In addition to the good news items, our district has been focusing on defining our communications processes as part of our strategic plan.

Last February, we surveyed our community about the district's name and more than 74% of the respondents indicated that they had heard the district



referred to as CNS or had in fact done so themselves. The moniker "North Syracuse Central School District" as our district identifier will remain because of the storied history of the district. Because many people use the "NSCSD" and "CNS" interchangeably there is confusion about our "brand". According to author and marketing strategist Seth Godin, a brand is defined as a "set of expectations, memories, stories and relationships that, taken together, account for a consumer's decision to choose one product or service over another." A brand is similar to an organization's reputation and we want to have a clear, consistent and unified image of our district.

We are at a point in the process where we need input from our stakeholders. As the school year progresses, we will utilize the many communication tools in our arsenal to get feedback. We will be reaching out through our regular channels as well as asking the media to help us get the word out.

Our main communications tool is ParentSquare. Staff and families automatically receive messages through the system and community members may subscribe. More information about ParentSquare is provided in this newsletter and is always available on our district website. If you haven't already downloaded the mobile app, please consider doing so as it is a great way to stay connected with the NSCSD.

We are proud of our schools and our district and want to celebrate our collective successes as one entity: the Northstars. We are the North Syracuse Early Education Program, Allen Road Elementary School, KWS Bear Road Elementary School, Cicero Elementary School, Lakeshore Road Elementary School, Roxboro Road Elementary School, Smith Road Elementary School, Gillette Road Middle School, Roxboro Road Middle School, North Syracuse Junior High School and Cicero-North Syracuse High School and the North Syracuse Central School District.

As we move into budget season, I want to extend my annual invitation for you to get involved in the process. Budget information is available on our website and is discussed at board meetings. The meeting schedule for the remainder of the school year is published in this newsletter and the public is always invited to attend.

Thank you for taking time to connect with the NSCSD. I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Daniel D. Bowles, NSCSD Superintendent of Schools



## Building Planning Teams use Strategic Plan as roadmap to success

The North Syracuse Central School District is now in year two of our work toward a renewed mission, vision and shared goals. Earlier this fall, Building Planning Teams (BPTs) from each of our 11 schools took time to present their individual building goals to our board of education.

Our BPTs work hard to ensure their building's goals are aligned with the district's Strategic Plan. We're so proud of the progress they are making and we want to share their successes with the greater NSCSD community. In an effort to show how each BPT goal benefits students, we have asked our principals to highlight some examples of their work in action. We will be featuring each school's BPT highlights as part of this newsletter for the remainder of the school year.

Our BPTs have developed three main goals:

- 1 increase high school graduation rates.
- 2 ensure all students become proficient readers.
- 3 help students become emotionally competent.



Elementary students involved in the Rising Rox Stars Program presented a showcase of activities for their families in December.

Goal 1 is to increase the high school graduation rate by preparing each student to graduate and pursue their post-secondary school pathway. All of our schools, even those at the elementary and middle school level have developed goals to help students achieve this.

Schools have made attendance one of their focus areas toward this goal and they've come up with unique ideas to help their student populations.

Through a 21st Century Community Learning Center grant, elementary and middle school students on the Roxboro Road campus have additional support with attendance. Through the Rising Rox Stars program, students receive academic learning and social-emotional development support and also on site before and after school care. For some families, this can help older siblings focus on their own attendance and studies. Goal 2 is to ensure that all students will become proficient readers. All of our schools are working to increase student success in this area but our elementary teachers are now in year two of the Amplify CKLA (Core Knowledge Language Arts) program which is grounded in the Science of Reading. The program is designed to provide our students with the foundational skills and background knowledge to become successful readers.



Earlier this school year, North Syracuse Junior High School Library Media Specialist Kelly Forsyth arranged to have representatives from Onondaga County Public Libraries visit to issue library cards to students.

Goal 3 is to help students become emotionally competent. Our students, teachers, staff and administrators have access to a multi-faceted mental health and wellness support system with an emphasis on suicide prevention.

Each building has created goals that focus on the social and emotional needs of their students. One of the impactful things that we are seeing at our schools is the incorporation of therapy dogs to support students. Therapy dogs can help students deal with stress, process mental health concerns, and boost academic engagement.



Bailey, a Golden Retriever therapy dog with PAWS of CNY, and volunteer John Neuffler often visits with students at the North Syracuse Early Education Program.

### **DISTRICT** DISPATCH



#### **CNS HIGH SCHOOL BPT**

The Cicero-North Syracuse High School BPT has set specific goals in the area of math competencies. BPT members presented to the NSCSD Board of Education in November and shared their ideas for making progress in algebra and geometry.

As CNS works to improve students' math competencies, teachers are coming up with creative ways to engage learners. Earlier this year, math teacher Amy Furletti involved her Algebra 2 students in team-building activities to solve math puzzles together and brainstorm creative solutions. Who said math had to be all about textbooks and lectures?





### ROXBORO ROAD ELEMENTARY BPT

Roxboro Road Elementary has been working hard to celebrate attendance in an effort to improve student graduation rates. We had 98 students with perfect attendance from Sept. 7 - Nov. 27. Those students and their families were invited to attend a special pancake breakfast before school on Dec. 13 and 14. Each student received an award, and their names were entered into a raffle. The raffle prizes were a family four-pack of tickets to the MOST and four tickets to an SU Basketball game. We had an amazing turnout and we would like to thank everyone who attended.



### GILLETTE ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL BPT

The Gillette Road Middle School BPT presented to the Board of Education in November and has set goals aligned with the district's strategic plan. Gillette Road Middle School has set specific goals in the area of reading proficiency and has developed strategies to accomplish these goals. As part of their ongoing efforts to improve reading proficiency and cultivate a passion for reading, prior to the holiday recess, 5th grade students at Gillette Road Middle School had the opportunity to enjoy a reading of The Polar Express by Associate Principal Francescotti.



### WINTER 2024

## What's new with capital updates?

The North Syracuse Central School District's Facilities Department has been hard at work with their own daily maintenance responsibilities in addition to responsibilities associated with capital improvement projects that are underway. These voter-approved improvements are a not only an investment, but a source of pride.

#### **KWS BEAR ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

The most notable completed project was the renovation of Bear Road Elementary. The Capital Improvement Project was the first major renovation work done to the building since it was built in 1958. This state-of-the-art renovation has been recognized by the U.S Department of Energy's Efficient and Healthy Schools Campaign. Through setting ambitious goals and applying best practices, the district achieved substantial energy savings and greatly improved the learning environment by improving the indoor air quality, lighting, and building controls. These goals are at the forefront of ongoing projects across all school buildings in the district.





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### STRUCTURED FOR SUCCESS

In 2021, the district began the "Structured for Success" initiative to designate capital improvements as part of its long-term facilities plan. This plan ensures that all school environments encourage student success at the highest level. Initial projects included renovations and comfort systems replacements at CNS and significant renovations to Lakeshore and Cicero Elementary Schools.

In 2022 voters approved a second series of projects. These include district wide security enhancements, infrastructure work, energy performance improvements and a new artificial turf multi-sport baseball field at Gillette Road Middle School. Much of this work is currently in design or awaiting State approvals.

We are excited about the Structured for Success initiative which ensures our facilities meet the needs of our students, staff, and community. Investing in our facilities is imperative to maintaining a solid infrastructure, greater efficiencies and most importantly, to meet the ever changing and growing programs the district offers.

**Capital Updates** - Continued from page 5

The following updates fall under the 2021 Structured for Success initiative

#### SMITH ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Smith Road Elementary started the new school year with an updated mass notification system, which enhances the level of safety for students and staff. Students this year have been enjoying their school's beautiful new playground. Tremendous thanks to the PTO for their support in making the new playground a reality.



**Structured for** 

SUCCESS!

#### LAKESHORE ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Lakeshore Elementary School is scheduled for major renovations with work expected to begin in late May/early June of 2024. Students will be required to relocate during the 2024-25 school year. There will be more details made available from the Lakeshore Renovation Committee in the coming months.

#### **CICERO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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Cicero Elementary School is also preparing for some major renovations. Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2025. The community can expect planning and design updates in early 2024.







#### NORTH SYRACUSE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

North Syracuse Junior High School will be nice and cool thanks to new chillers that were installed.



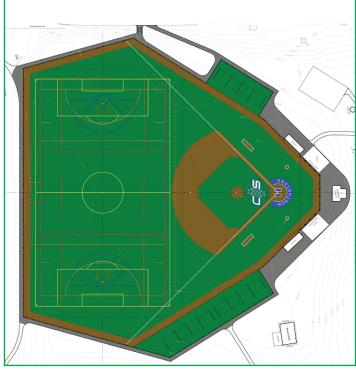
#### **CNS HIGH SCHOOL**

Phase 1 work to overhaul the HVAC system, is ongoing and is about 60% complete. New systems will drastically improve comfort, air quality and efficiency. Phase 2 work, which includes renovations to the auditorium, gym, and locker rooms, has also begun. Completion of this work supports work associated with the addition of a pool. Tennis facilities will be relocated and unavailable for an extended period of time. During the period of construction at the HS, community members are welcome to use the new courts at the NSJHS.



#### **GILLETTE ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Gillette Road Middle School will begin a design phase in 2024. The scope of work includes updating HVAC systems and the addition of air conditioning in the two-story educational wing, site accessibility, and a new multi-sport athletic field.



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## Manage your notification settings!

ParentSquare

Do you have children attending more than one school? You can easily adjust your ParentSquare notification settings to meet your family's needs.

www.nscsd.org for info

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## Notifications



State and federal laws require that school districts notify parents/guardians of certain policies, protocols, etc. each year. The North Syracuse Central School District publishes these notices on its website at www.nscsd.org. Click the "Connect with Us" link on the "District" tab at the top of the page and browse to the "Required Notifications" section. Anyone that would like to receive a paper copy of the required notices can contact North Syracuse Central School District Board of Education Clerk at (315) 218-2131 or by emailing JHerrera@nscsd.org.

# NOTICE TO PARENTS AND ELIGIBLE STUDENTS OF THE NORTH SYRACUSE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEIGHBOR NOTIFICATION LAW

The district is required to provide notice to students, staff and persons in parental relationships about pesticide application. You may register to receive written notice 48 hours prior to any pesticide application by calling (315) 218-2174 and leaving your name, complete address and phone number. You will be given notice by mail at home, or by interoffice mail if you work for the district, before these applications. We incorporate the practice of monitoring all pest populations at regular intervals to keep identified pests under control. No pesticides are used when alternate methods will work. Pesticides will be used in a prudent manner in accordance with recommended application procedures.

The notice will state: "This notice is to inform you of a pending pesticide application to a school facility. You may wish to discuss with the designated school representative what precautions are being taken to protect your child from exposure to these pesticides.

Further information about the product(s) being applied, including any warnings that appear on the label of the pesticide(s) that are pertinent to the protection of humans, animals, or the environment, can be obtained by calling the National Pesticide Telecommunications Network Information Line at 1-800-858-7378 or the New York State Department of Health Center for Environmental Health Information Line at 1-800-458-1158."

An application summary will be printed in the District Dispatch three times each year. The district contact, Matthew Erwin, can be reached at (315) 218-2174 regarding this information.

#### **AHERA NOTIFICATION**

The district has been inspected for building materials containing asbestos as required under the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act ("AHERA"). Copies of the Management Plan and the three year re-inspection are available in the main office of each building.

AHERA requires the district to appoint a "Designated Person" for asbestos-related concerns. Matthew Erwin, Director of Facilities, has been appointed as the "Designated Person" for asbestos-related concerns in the North Syracuse Central School District. Matthew Erwin, can be reached at (315) 218-2174 regarding this information.

#### NOTIFICATION OF PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS AT NORTH SYRACUSE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT THROUGH 12/1/23

There were no pesticide applications from 7/10/23-12/1/23.

Staff and persons in parental relationships can register to obtain a 48-hour notification form by calling Matthew Erwin, the district's director of facilities at (315) 218-2174 and requesting an application for notification registration form. Information can also be obtained from NPTNI @ 1-800-858-7378 or NYS Department of Health at 1-800-458-1158 regarding specific materials that were applied.

#### PARENT NOTIFICATION REGARDING STUDENT WORK AND PHOTOS

During the school year, your child may have the opportunity to have their photo taken, video image and voice recorded, and/ or art and written work published in connection with a school district activity or program. Your child's photo (image), school work and/or name may be published in local newspapers, posted (displayed) on the district's internet site, or used by the requesting organization (local TV or print media) for programming, i.e., backup and their news stories. If you DO NOT want your child's picture, name or schoolwork to be used in newspaper articles, video, and/or district publications including our district's website, please inform your school principal in writing.



### **UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN** REGISTRATION STARTS FEB. 1

The North Syracuse Central School District will begin accepting registrations for its Universal Prekindergarten program beginning Feb. 1, 2024. Applications are available online at www.nscsd.org and can be picked up and/ or completed in person at the Jerome F. Melvin Administrative Office Building (5355 West Taft Rd.) in North Syracuse.

Applications received prior to March 1 will be placed into a lottery drawing for first enrollment. To be eligible for the District's UPK program, children must live In the North Syracuse Central School District and be four years old on or before Dec. 1, 2024. There is no charge for district residents as the program is funded by the state, subject to the passage of the New York State budget. Children will be enrolled in programs at one of the following five locations based on their address or sitter location.

- Learn As You Grow, Inc. at 5684 South Bay Road Cicero, NY 13039
- Learn As You Grow, Inc. at 8381 Elta Drive Cicero, NV 13039
- Northminster Early Childhood Center at 7444 Buckley Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212
- North YMCA@ Roxboro Road Elementary School at 200 Bernard St, Mattydale, NY 13211
- North Syracuse Early Education Program at 205 South Main Street, N. Syracuse, NY 13212

If the UPK program fills up before all names are pulled from the lottery, the remaining students will be placed on a waitlist and parents will be notified If a spot becomes available. The district will continue to accept registrations after the March 1 deadline but those students will not be included in the lottery drawing. Registrations taken after the lottery period will be placed on a waitlist and parents will be notified if a spot becomes available.

Registration can be completed online at the North Syracuse Universal Prekindergarten application system on the district website. You will need to provide the following documentation in addition to your application:

- COMPLETED Registration Packet available on www.nscsd.org
- Proof of residency- (current National Grid or home phone bill, signed lease or mortgage statement
- Valid proof of birth
- Valid parent Identification (driver's license)
- The programs at Learn As You Grow will be full day from 9:15 a.m.
  - 3:15 p.m. For further information regarding both programs, please contact Katie Polhamus, LAYG Director, at (315) 699-7189.
- The program at Northminster will be full day from 9:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. For further information regarding the program, please contact Soheila Yaddow, Northminster Director, at (315) 458-2669 opt. 2.
- The program at North YMCA at Roxboro Road Elementary will be full day from 9 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. For further information regarding the program, please contact Lynnet Lamb, YMCA Director, at (315) 451-2562, ext. 210.
- The program at North Syracuse Early Education Program will be either full day from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. or half-day from noon - 2:30 p.m. For further information regarding the program, please contact Dawn Hussein, NSEEP Principal, at (315) 218-2200.

All programs will be five days a week and follow the North Syracuse School District calendar.



#### CONNECTING WITH THE NSCSD Streamlining communication for you

Here at the North Syracuse Central School District, your feedback matters. We've been listening, and we're excited to share some upcoming changes designed to make it even easier for you to connect with us. We've been working hard to make it easier for you to get in touch with the right person.

In response to insights gathered from last year's communications audit, we're putting our gears in motion to redefine our communication processes. One key aspect of this initiative is a significant update to our website. We're working to provide our families and community members with a seamless online experience, ensuring you can effortlessly find the right person to assist you.

We understand that navigating a school district's website can sometimes feel like finding a needle in a haystack. That's why, in the coming weeks, you'll notice enhancements that simplify the process of reaching out to the right individual. Our goal is to make information accessible at your fingertips.

But our efforts don't stop there. As we step into the new year, we'll be reaching out to you again. Your input is invaluable in helping us understand how we can best communicate with you. Whether you prefer newsletters, social media updates, or other means, your preferences guide our approach.

Communication is a two-way street, and your insights fuel our efforts to keep you informed and engaged. Stay tuned for the revamped website and our upcoming outreach efforts. We look forward to continuing this journey of improved communication together.

Your voice matters, and at North Syracuse Central School District, we're here to make sure it's heard. Thank you for being an essential part of our community.

### **DISTRICT** DISPATCH

## CNS esports team ends undefeated season with state championship title

The CNS Star Shockers Team 1, comprising Reece Balduzzi, James Pierson, Zach Purcell, and Zach Strait, concluded their undefeated season by winning the Mario Kart 8 Deluxe finals and securing the New York State Championship title.

Their journey to the finals was marked by exceptional gameplay and an undefeated streak, resulting in a perfect season. In a thrilling showdown, they emerged victorious against Silver Creek High School from Chautauqua County.

Esports gained momentum at CNS last year, expanding this season to include teams at North Syracuse Junior High School. The success extended beyond Mario Kart, with CNS having two teams in Super Smash Brothers Ultimate, reflecting the diverse interests of the student body.

Coached by teachers Mike Brisson and Kathryn Leo, both newcomers to coaching but seasoned gamers, CNS teams



The CNS Star Shockers are the State Champions for Mario Kart! Pictured left to right: Coach Brisson, Reece Balduzzi, Zach Purcell, Zach Strait, James Pierson and Coach Leo.

have made a notable impact in the esports scene. Coach Kathryn Leo expressed her enthusiasm, highlighting her gaming background and the long-awaited opportunity.

Esports gained traction in NY in 2019, surviving pandemic challenges and standing out as one of the few sports that continued to compete. Jason Clark, NSCSD's Director of Technology, credited TJ Adams, a senior network administrator, for establishing and maintaining the esports program.

TJ Adams, passionate about gaming, emphasized the significant role of video games in his life, fostering friendships, enhancing communication skills, and providing a sense of belonging.

The esports season, running from September to December, saw CNS teams competing against schools statewide in matches showcasing their skills against various opponents.

Beyond the thrill of victory, CNS's esports program offers students opportunities for personal and academic growth. Coach Leo highlighted the program's benefits, equating them to those of other team-based sports.

Looking ahead, Coach Mike Brisson expressed optimism about potential scholarship opportunities for students if the program expands to accommodate larger leagues. The CNS esports teams not only achieve success in competitive gaming but also positively impact students' lives, providing a unique avenue for skill development and personal growth.

You can learn more about esports in the NSCSD by visiting www.nscsd.org.

### NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION - APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 1, 2024

To parents and guardians of students residing in the North Syracuse Central School District,

As required by New York State Law, applications for bus transportation to and/or from charter, private or parochial schools during the 2024-2025 school year, must be filed prior to April 1, 2024.

Applications may be picked up and returned to the North Syracuse Central School District Transportation Department, 5520 East Taft Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212. Applications can also be obtained on the North Syracuse Central School District website. Please contact the Transportation Department at (315) 218-2107 for additional information.



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# 10 NSCSD students advance to

## **Regional Spelling Bee**

On Dec. 7, 2023, 30 students from Roxboro Road Middle School, Gillette Road Middle and North Syracuse Junior High School gathered at the North Syracuse Central School District Office to compete in a districtwide spelling bee.

Students from grades five through eight were challenged with a variety of words ranging from simple spellings such as "manual" and "recital" to more difficult spellings such as "mischievous." All students came to this competition after completing written and oral exams within their schools. The competition ended with the correct spelling of "categorically" and "chasm" by Matthew Conner (fifth-grade) from Gillette Road Middle School. Finishing in second place was Hayden Totty (sixth-grade) from Gillette Road Middle School and in third was Isaac Butterfield (fifth-grade) from Gillette Road Middle School and in third was Isaac Butterfield (fifth-grade) from Gillette Road Middle School and in third was Isaac Butterfield (fifth-grade) from Gillette Road Middle School and in third was Isaac Butterfield (fifth-grade) from Gillette Road Middle School and in third was Isaac Butterfield (fifth-grade) from Gillette Road Middle School and in third was Isaac Butterfield (fifth-grade) from Gillette Road Middle School and in third was Isaac Butterfield (fifth-grade) from Gillette Road Middle School and in third was Isaac Butterfield (fifth-grade) from Gillette Road Middle School and in third was Isaac Butterfield (fifth-grade) from Gillette Road Middle School and in third was Isaac Butterfield (fifth-grade) from Gillette Road Middle School and in third was Isaac Butterfield (fifth-grade) from Gillette Road Middle School and in third was Isaac Butterfield (fifth-grade) from Gillette Road Middle School and in third was Isaac Butterfield (fifth-grade) from Gillette Road Middle School and in third was Isaac Butterfield (fifth-grade) from Gillette Road Middle School and in third was Isaac Butterfield (fifth-grade) from Gillette Road Middle School and in third was Isaac Butterfield (fifth-grade) from Gillette Road Middle School and in third was Isaac Butterfield (fifth-grade) from Gillette Road Middle School and in the grade) from Gillette Road Middle School and I sch

#### The students moving on to that competition are:

- From Gillette Road Middle School: Matthew Conner, Hayden Totty, Isaac Butterfield and Abigail Rice
- From Roxboro Road Middle School: Jaiden Carson, Liliana DeSalvo, Willow LaVergne and Samantha Laubengayer
- From North Syracuse Junior High School: Jordan (Olivia) Walker



Pictured above are the top 3 NSCSD Spelling Bee winners: (left to right) Hayden Totty, Issac Butterfield and Matthew Conner



#### MEET THE NSCSD'S FIRST-EVER STUDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER



Thomas Wills, II

This year marks an exciting milestone as the district proudly introduces its inaugural Ex-Officio Student Board Member on the North Syracuse Central School District Board of Education. Thomas Wills, a senior at Cicero-North Syracuse High School, took his oath of office in October and will serve as the voice of the student population on the Board for the duration of the school year.

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## 2024 budget vote/ board member election

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024 Polls will be open from 6 A.M. to 9 P.M.