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I am happy to congratulate the nine seniors receiving recognition in the 62nd annual National Merit Scholarship Program. The Class of 2017 has four National Merit Semi-Finalists: Pranoy Behera, Melody Clark-Brown, Abigail Hales, and Jack Williams. It also boasts five National Merit Commended Students: Russell Drummond, Tyler Gerth, Palak Sharma, Mason Walton, and Henry Williams. We are proud of the achievements our students earn by their hard work and discipline. BPSD has had over 20 National Merit Scholars in the last five years.

The 2016 fall sports schedule is rapidly coming to a close. We will celebrate our seniors during the last home football game on October 28th. I wish our cross-country teams the best of luck the following day at the 6A State Championships; the boys and girls teams have both been ranked 1st or 2nd all season.

The success of our students, both academically and in their activities, is a testament not only to our talented teachers and coaches, but also to the efforts of the district's classified or "support" employees. Over 375 of them occupy essential roles, including administrative assistants, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, and our maintenance and custodial staff. We will be recognizing them October 24-28 during Education Support Personnel Week.

As a district, we would not be successful without these outstanding classified employees. Although many of them are not teaching in a classroom or coaching on a playing field, their impact on our district and our students is immense. These employees assist us in achieving excellence in the BPSD.

Throughout the year classified employees are busy helping our district operate efficiently. Many duties fulfilled by this group may go unseen by the public but are vital to our schools. Tasks such as bringing your child to and from school on the bus, cleaning up the school sites, or serving your child lunch are done every day by our great support staff.

Special events to honor our hardworking employees are extremely important, and we are proud to have annual events such as Education Support Personnel Week in the fall and the BPSD Classified Person of the Year Reception each spring.

On behalf of the district, I thank all of the classified employees in our district for their service. We are fortunate to have such an exceptional group of dedicated employees. We appreciate all that you do for us and for the students.

I hope everyone has a great Fall Break. I will see you in the schools! GO BRUINS!