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Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools

KCSD ISSUE PAPER

DATE:

October 17, 2018

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve Approval for Timothy Titus to graduate from Simon Kenton High School in December to enter the Marine Corps in January.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

08.113 CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

Timothy Titus has submitted a letter requesting permission to graduate in December to enter into his specialized program in the Marines in January. He is on track to meet all graduation requirements by December 20. As principal of Simon Kenton I support this request and ask the board to approve. In addition to his letter of request he has submitted two letters of recommendations. All three of these letters are attached.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:


None

RECOMMENDATION:

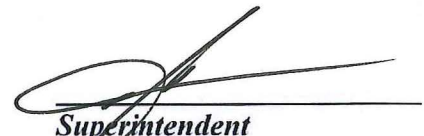
Approval for Timothy Titus to graduate from Simon Kenton High School in December 2018.

CONTACT PERSON:

John Popham


Principal


District Administrator


Superintendent

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Principal –complete, print, sign and send to your Director. Director –if approved, sign and put in the Superintendent's mailbox.

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September 24th, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to you to ask permission to be granted the opportunity of early graduation in December 2018. My Intentions following graduation are to receive United States Marine Corps basic training to be an enlisted combat engineer. I have been sworn into the United States Marine Corps this past May, hold the current status of an active member of their delayed entry program, and I attend weekly and monthly physical training events. My departure to Parris Island, North Carolina is scheduled for January 2019 with the intention to start my basic training and additional specialized training.

I've had the great privilege of attending the Kenton County Academies of Innovation and Technology (KCAIT) Army JROTC for the past three years. During this educational experience, I have gained the opportunity to learn how to be a leader and what it means to be a disciplined team member. Most of my time in the program, I worked with large groups of cadets with grade levels that range from the ninth to the eleventh grade. Working closely with members has taught me how to set a positive example for all my fellow cadets and subordinates to the highest

standards. My responsibilities and mentoring consisted of helping peers with academics, physical fitness, military knowledge, and skills outside the classroom.

In addition to my responsibilities in school and the JROTC, my living situation for the last six months has been becoming more financially independent. I have been working full time and contributing funds to my father to pay for rent, utilities, and groceries. As for my own transportation I pay for my own insurance and maintenance and as well with my day to day expenses. My father and I have come to an agreement that I would move out by the month of January and support myself by leasing an apartment in the Independence area. By moving into a new home I would face many challenges but I believe transitioning to the military from high school would eliminate some of those challenges and put myself in a better position.

While being introduced to these military customs, I have also learned how important it is to contribute to my community by observing the needs of my community and creating community service learning projects. This included presenting our work to boards of military personnel and educators. With my unique experiences and leadership skills, I plan to apply them to my future Military Occupational Specialty (MOS). I plan to be an enlisted combat engineer for my first four years within the Marines, obtain a hands-on experience in the specialized field of choice, and simultaneously receive college credit for my training. After completion of my basic training, combat training, and MOS school, these courses would be interpreted by the American Council on Education into twelve to eighteen college credits. Graduating early would grant me the permission to continue my education that is best for my interests and future endeavors.

If given the chance to graduate by December 2018, I would be able to work towards being a commissioned officer and be more independent in plans concerning my education. Once my first enlistment of active duty is near completion, I plan to apply for Officer Candidate School and become a commissioned officer with my bachelor's degree in Engineering. A

commissioned officer status with prior enlisted service will give me a higher pay grade than most entry-level officers from ROTC. As a Marine combat engineer, I would build, repair, and maintain buildings, roads, and power supplies.

Receiving my basic training early would give me a jump start into fulfilling my dreams of being a Marine and an opportunity to receive higher education. On May 17th, 2018, I was one of the youngest scholars in the group of sworn military members in the state to take an oath of commitment to serve our country. I have high hopes of gaining more independence in my education, growing as a scholar and member of the United States Marine Corps, and being a successful member of society.

Thank you for your time,



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