

Kenton County School District | It's about ALL kids.

Issue Paper

DATE:

2/20/2023

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve student Aiden Wihebrink's request to graduate early on March 6th, 2023 from Scott High School in order for him to attend basic training for the United States Marine Corps on March 20, 2023.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

08.113 Graduation Requirements

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

Scott High School Senior Aiden Wihebrink, has enlisted into the United States Marine Corps as part of the delayed entry program. He would like to graduate on March 6th 2023 so he is able to attend basic training with the Marine Corps on March 20, 2023. Aiden has fulfilled all credit requirements for graduation.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

\$0 – None

RECOMMENDATION:


Approve student Aiden Wihebrink's request to graduate early on March 6th, 2023 from Scott High School in order for him to attend basic training for the United State Marine Corps on March 20th of 2023.

CONTACT PERSON:

Alan Yanke


Principal/Administrator


District Administrator


Superintendent

Use this form to submit your request to the Superintendent for items to be added to the Board Meeting Agenda.

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



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
MARINE CORPS RECRUITING STATION LOUISVILLE
MARINE CORPS RECRUITING SUB STATION FLORENCE
8001 CONNECTOR DRIVE
FLORENCE, KENTUCKY 41042

17 FEB 2023

From: Marine Corps Recruiting Sub-Station Florence
To: Kenton County School Board

Subj: AIDEN WIHEBRINK

1. This letter is to inform you that Aiden Wihebrink enlisted into the United States Marine Corps on Feb 15, 2023.
2. He will be shipping to boot camp on March 20, 2023
4. The point of contact concerning this matter is Staff Sergeant Andrew Barninger at (859) 432-0554.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. S. Barninger", is positioned above the printed name.

A. S. Barninger

February 19th, 2023

Dear Board of Education,

I am writing to you for your consideration in letting me graduate early so I may be able to join the US Marine Corps. Joining the Marine Corps will provide me with an opportunity to serve my country and gain valuable skills and experiences come March 20th. The Marine Corps offers a challenging and unique experience for those who choose to join, and I believe my education has prepared me for the challenges that wait ahead. Graduating early isn't a decision that is taken lightly; however, I believe that my desire and commitment to the Marine Corps is worthwhile with the skills I will learn. I've discussed the decision with my family, and they fully support me in this endeavor so now I ask the same of you.

Sincerely,

Aidan Lee Wihebrink

February 17, 2023

To all concerned,

Aidan, myself (Army Veteran), and his two siblings (Navy Veteran and active-duty Air Force) have discussed Aidan's inevitable service in the Armed Forces. Serving his country in the US Marines has been his focus for many years. In fact, during a Woodland football ceremony introduction the MC quoted Aidan saying, "Aidan's plans for the future include serving his country after high school".

Aidan will be following at least four generations of family in the call to serve. We proudly support his decision and are excited to see him begin his military career as soon as he wishes. An early graduation will allow him to set his plans in motion.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tammy Wooding