

Good evening members of the board, superintendent, and community.

I wanted to take a few minutes tonight to recognize the incredible accomplishments of the Hallsville Swim Team this season.

This year was truly historic for our program. For the first time in Hallsville history, both the girls and boys swim teams placed at the District Meet. The girls team finished 2nd in district, and the boys team finished 3rd in district. That is an outstanding accomplishment for any program—but it is especially impressive for a school that does not have its own pool. Our swimmers train, travel, and compete with determination, and they proved this year that hard work can overcome obstacles.

Another highlight of the season was that Aryana Hallan was named District Swimmer of the Year, marking the second year in a row that Hallsville has had the District Swimmer of the Year. That is a tremendous achievement and a testament to the strength of our athletes and program.

At the Regional Meet, the girls team placed 10th and the boys team placed 11th, continuing to show that Hallsville can compete at a high level against strong programs from across the region.

We also had two swimmers qualify for the State Meet: Aryana Hallan and Parker O'Dowd. Both swimmers performed exceptionally well and advanced to day two of the State Championships, which is a significant accomplishment.

At the State Meet:

- Parker O'Dowd finished 15th in the 100-yard backstroke.
- Aryana Hallan finished 13th in the 100-yard butterfly.

Our season began back in September, and these athletes worked hard every day, grinding through practices and meets to finish the season strong at the state level.

I could not be more proud of this group. We are a very young team, and the progress we made this year shows that the future is bright for Hallsville Swimming.

Thank you for your continued support of our athletes and programs.

Go Bobcats

