



# RECOGNITION

———— Lakeside High School Cross Country State Champion – Andrew Bitsko ————

- WHEREAS: The DeKalb County School District is dedicated to developing students academically and athletically. Through his hard work and dedication representing DeKalb athletics;
- WHEREAS: Lakeside’s Andrew Bitsko won the 2025 GHSA Class 5A boys’ individual title; and
- WHEREAS: Under the direction of coaches Drew Spires and Jim Bitsko, Andrew ran a time of 15:58.96 to capture the state title over the best runners in the Class 5A state meet; and
- WHEREAS: Bitsko became the first DeKalb County School District individual state champion since Sage Walker of Druid Hills in 2021; and
- THEREFORE: We, the DeKalb County Board of Education, acknowledge the outstanding athletic accomplishments of Lakeside senior cross country runner Andrew Bitsko for having achieved one of the highest levels attainable by a high school cross country runner. In official recognition, we affix our signatures on this 9th day of February 2026.



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