2024 State Speaking Committee Meeting- ATAT Conference

* State staff knows that the state contests was ran poorly this year and they apologized for the lack of preparation on their part and will be better equipped next year.
  + Some banners were passed out wrong, if you have a banner that is incorrect for your placing please return to state staff by contacting Bre Fowler at [breanne@texasffa.org](mailto:breanne@texasffa.org)
* The Speaking committee chairs at the judges meeting for the state contest will continue to reiterate how questions and answers should be delivered to students
* All State Speaking Finalists (Sr, Jr, Exempt, Soil) will receive a banner (1-12 place)
* There will be a volunteer opportunity (courtesy corp) for students to participate in at the state speaking contest in the future
* A suggestion was passed to host the state speaking contest at Tarleton the day after the state scholarship interviews
* There will be no tolerance for parents/teachers/competitors violating the rules set in place. Uif rules are violated- the student will be DISQUALIFIED
  + Note- actions exhibited by parents/teachers/competitors at the 2024 state contest were extremely rude and disrespectful, hence tightening up on enforcing the rules
* Please direct any question to me and let me know if you need any help regarding formatting in APA format, [hborden@bolingisd.net](mailto:hborden@bolingisd.net)