BHS senior: Elias Cooper

aka: Eli, Eleezy, Elizzle or E. Coops

Things that are important to me:

- My circle of friends, Cooper's Troopers.
- Being a Best Buddies ambassador.
- Teaching people about Down syndrome and respectful language.
- Music - especially the band, KISS, and heavy metal.
- Being a senior and doing "senior things."
- Playing video games with friends.
- "Chillin'" with family and friends.
- Watching and making movies and media, I especially enjoy Jack Black.
- Participating in school drama activities.
- Feeling safe in my environment - some noises and sights frighten me.
- I love certain foods, diet coke and going to restaurants.

How to best support me:

- Be patient with me...I need to take my time.
- Link my learning to my interests and experiences.
- Ask me for input on curriculum modifications - I have ideas. You can also ask my mom - she always has ideas.
- Break instructions down into small pieces for me and give me periodic reminders and prompts.
- Allow me to type or text rather than handwrite.
- Know that I am capable; have expectations for me and allow me to fail.
- Remind me that I can use my "help cards" if I need help.
- Grade me on my IEP - not standards. Grades are for me, not college applications.
- I need a warning before sudden, non-routine transitions and I like to come to a sensible stopping point.
- I respond better to rewards and incentives, rather than warnings and ultimatums.
- Be patient for me to speak and don't speak for me.
- Double check that I'm informed about class and CAS activities and events - I don't like to be left out.
- Remember that I have a point system - my case manager can show you how it works.
- Allow me time to come to a decision on my own; being put on the spot makes me shut down.
- Respectfully include me in conversations that are about me.
- Read my health protocol.

Admirable characteristics about me:

- I am social and friendly.
- I have a good (and teenage boy) sense of humor.
- I know who I am and know my strengths and weaknesses.
- I am (occasionally) mischievous.
- I enjoy routines, so it's easy to learn what I like.
- I am persistent when I want something.
- I am resourceful and like to be independent.
- I love an audience, microphone and stage.
- I can be convincing.
- I never judge or speak negatively about people.

The things people like and admire about me are...

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What makes me happy

How I like to be supported...

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What makes me happy

How I want to be supported...