Policy Type: Governance Culture

Student Representatives to the Board

The Board recognizes its obligations to serve the best interests of its clients, the students of the district (GC-1 Board Purpose).

Having student representatives to the Board of Education allows the Board to:

- 1) Understand the school experience of students.
- 2) Increasing awareness of the democratic process by students.
- 3) Create an opportunity for students to participate in the governance process.
- 4) Link with representatives of its key stakeholder group.

Two high school students will be selected to serve as ex-officio representatives to the Board of Education during their junior and senior years. Annually, the Board will enact a selection process to select a member of the sophomore class who will serve as a representative to the Board of Education for their junior and senior year.

The student representatives shall act as a resource to the Board and update the Board on student-related matters. They shall be responsible for communicating to the student body regarding actions or discussions of the Board, which will affect or be of interest to students.

The student representatives shall be required to attend regular monthly Board meetings that occur while school is in session. Monthly, they representatives shall provide the Board with a short report of student happenings within the district. The student representatives shall not vote on matters before the Board.

The student representatives will be required to sign and abide by the Co-Curricular Code.

Specific guidelines for selection of the student representation shall be established.

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Monitoring Method: Board self-assessment

Monitoring Frequency: Annually

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