

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 271
Bloomington, Minnesota

REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD ACTION

DATE OF BOARD MEETING: October 23, 2017

SUBJECT: New Policy 202.1, School Board Student Representatives


ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Office of Superintendent

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER: Les Fujitake
Superintendent of Schools

RESOLUTION FOR BOARD TO ADOPT:

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves new Policy 202.1, School Board Student Representatives.

RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT:

Approve. 

BACKGROUND:

The School Board values and recognizes the importance of the voice of students in the governing of the District and encourages student engagement as leaders in our school community. This is the second year student representatives have been part of the School Board.

The purpose of new Policy 202.1, School Board Student Representatives, is to establish the role of School Board student representatives. A student from each high school will be an advisory, non-voting representative on the School Board. This new policy formalizes their role and the process for being part of the School Board.

The new policy was reviewed, edited and approved by the Board Policy Committee at its meeting October 15, 2017.

There is no accompanying regulation.

Adopted: October 23, 2017

Contact Person: Superintendent

POLICY 202.1 SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

I. PURPOSE:

To establish the role of School Board student representatives.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

To value and recognize the importance of the voice of students in the governing of the District and to encourage student engagement as leaders in our school community, the School Board will authorize a student to be an advisory non-voting School Board student representative from each high school.

WHO:

- High School juniors or seniors can apply.
- An applicant must be endorsed by their respective principal.

HOW:

- The Board Student Advisory Committee (BSAC) will establish and periodically update:
 - an application process,
 - a screening and selection process, and
 - a timeline for the process.
- The BSAC will recommend an applicant from each high school for School Board authorization.
- At a School Board meeting, the sitting Board Student Representative will nominate the BSAC recommended applicant to be his/her successor.
- The full School Board will vote on whether or not to authorize the nominated applicant.

WHAT:

- The authorized student will hold the title of Board Student Representative.
- The Board Student Representative's term will be one year with the opportunity to be authorized, as a senior, for a second year.
- The Board Student Representative will attend at least one meeting a month between September and May.
- The Board Student Representative's role is to fulfill the role of the Board member except for voting.