

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSBURGH AUTHORIZING AND ESTABLISHING THE ROLE OF STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Education ("Board") of the School District of Pittsburgh ("District") aims to provide a wide range of productive opportunities to enable all students to be successful school and community citizens who grow into contributing adults; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that students possess firsthand insight into the current needs, concerns, and viewpoints of their fellow students within the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize and establish the position of Student Board Representative, allowing Student Board Representatives to sit on the Board, serve as liaisons between the Board and the student body, and engage students in the governing process of the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Public Education of the School District of Pittsburgh, as follows:

1. The Board authorizes and establishes the role of Student Board Representative with two (2) members selected: one student from 11th grade and one from 12th grade.
2. Student Representatives will carry out the following privileges and responsibilities:
 - a. Attend the public Agenda Review and Legislative Voting Meetings as nonvoting participants. The Student Representatives will not attend executive sessions except by special invitation.
 - b. Receive the appropriate agenda and related materials for the public Board meetings.

- c. Shall prepare a monthly report.
 - d. Be appropriately dressed and be courteous with Board members, District staff and the general public.
 - e. Be cognizant of the role of the Board as a policy-making body.
 - f. Shall be responsible for communication with student body.
 - g. Provide a link between students and the Board utilizing school organizations and communication facilities.
3. Term of Office. The duration of service for Student Board Representatives shall be two (2) years, with the provision for a shorter term in the event of graduation or departure from the District
4. Student Selection/Application Process. A committee of high school principals shall establish specific criteria for selection. Interested students must apply by a specified date in the spring, including two (2) letters of recommendation and their transcripts. The Superintendent will make a recommendation by the June Legislative Meeting preceding the start of the school year for Board consideration.
5. Mentor/Training. The Board President shall assign a Board Member to act as a mentor and to provide training/orientation to the Student Board Representatives.
6. Confidentiality. Student Board Representatives shall not have access to any document, deliberation or discussion that is of an Executive Session nature and/or is confidential pursuant to any applicable state or federal law, including but not limited to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

(IDEA) the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) the state confidentiality laws.

7. Standards of Behavior. Student Representatives will be expected to maintain high standards in behavior, being sure to avoid violations of the Student Code of Conduct. A committee of principals will be assigned to act as a Special Committee to address the violations of the Code and make recommendations to the Superintendent. In the event that a student is removed from the position of Student Board Representative, a new Student Board Representative will be appointed for the remainder of the latter's term.

RESOLVED, this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSBURGH

Secretary

By: _____
President of Board