



## **STUDENTS ON GOVERNING BOARDS**

The Board recognizes the value of communicating with students and receiving their input and perspectives. To foster this relationship with students, the Board will annually seat up to three high school students as advisory, non-voting representatives to the Board.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the three student representatives to the Peninsula School District Board of Directors is to serve as liaisons between the Board and the district's high school students from Gig Harbor High School (GHHS), Henderson Bay High School (HBHS), and Peninsula High School (PHS).

The student representatives will:

- Provide insight and support to enhance the Board's understanding of student issues and perspectives;
- Serve as the student body's voice, both to the Board from students and from the Board to students;
- Participate in Board discussions, but will not have the right to make motions, vote, hold Board offices, or attend executive sessions;
- Report to the students of their respective high schools about the work of both the district and the Board; and
- Represent their high schools in accordance with the following qualifications, selection procedures, and responsibilities.

### **Term of Office**

- The student representatives will be selected in the spring for the following school year.
- The term of office will be for one school year, beginning in September and concluding in June.
- In the event of a vacancy during the school year, a student will be selected from qualified applicants to serve the remaining term of the school year, after going through the set application and interview process.
- All student representatives will serve a one-year term, unless the Board decides to reappoint a student for a second term.

### **Qualifications for Applicants**

In order to meet the qualifications of being a student representative, students must:

- Be in grade 11 or 12 during their term as a student representative;
- Attend their designated high school at least three (3) periods a day;
- Be in proper academic standing equivalent to the requirements for participation in athletics or other student activities, and maintain proper academic standing throughout the term;
- Be willing to convey student opinion to the Board and report Board deliberations and actions to the student body; and

- Become non-voting members of their respective high school Associated Student Body (ASB) student council, if not already members.

### **Application Process**

To apply to be a student representative, students must:

- Submit a Student Representative Application to their school's ASB Advisor;
- Obtain approval signatures from a parent/guardian and their principal; and
- Submit two (2) reference letters, with at least one from a teacher or administrator.

Selected applicants will be interviewed by their principal, the ASB Advisor, current ASB President, and one current student leadership representative. The interview committee will recommend representatives to the Board for approval. Should the Board decide not to appoint a recommended applicant, the interview team will recommend a second candidate for consideration.

### **Removal**

Student representatives serve at the discretion of the Peninsula School Board. The Board may remove a student representative for failure to fulfill his/her duties, failure to maintain academic standards, or for behaviors that the Board deems inappropriate or unacceptable as a student representative to the Board or a representative of the district.

### **Responsibilities of Student Representatives**

Student representatives will:

- Adhere to all the rules and regulations pertaining to School Board members;
- Attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings and study sessions which occur during the school year;
  - Since regular Board meetings occur during the evening hours on school nights, the Peninsula School Board may grant permission for student representatives to leave meetings before their adjournment if student reports have been given;
  - In the event of afternoon meetings, students will obtain parent/guardian permission to miss school during that time;
- Dress appropriately for Board meetings, adhering to professional standards for attire and grooming;
- Review the Board packet and reading materials prior to all regular Board meetings and study sessions;
- Participate in discussion at regular, open meetings of the Board when applicable;
  - Student representatives may not make any motions or vote;
- Provide reports to the Board during the appropriate time for student representative comments on meeting agendas. The reports will include information on student activities and other topics or concerns of which the student council may choose to apprise the Board;
- Refrain from committing their respective student council to any position or action that has not been previously approved by the ASB;
- Report Board deliberations and actions to their respective high school student council as applicable;
- Orient new student representatives or substitutes; and
- Participate in Board training sessions, including out-of-town professional development, when invited;

- When these sessions occur during the school day, student representatives will follow the established, prearranged absence procedures at their high schools.