

2023 / 2024

# **DPSCD STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

APPLICATION PACKET



# LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

Student Leaders,

We know that among you are the next generation of leaders! We also know that our school district cannot continue to improve without your active participation and voice. We are committed to ensuring that every decision we make places our youth in a position to be successful. With this in mind, the School Board will seat two high school representatives to the Board this school year. This will be another opportunity for us to have students working directly with our Board and Superintendent to represent the things that are most important to you. It is also a great leadership opportunity that will require a high level of engagement and commitment. As you consider this prestigious opportunity, think about how you would best represent your peers districtwide and what support you will need to be successful. We will provide support and training for the selected individuals including a Board liaison who will regularly communicate with you throughout the year.

We look forward to reviewing and interviewing the applicants that apply to serve in this role. We expect this will be a tough decision to make as we know how many gifted and talented students our district serves. While we are limited to selecting two students and an alternate each year, we look forward to the process and getting to know each of you and your passion. Best of luck on your submission!

Sincerely,



**Angelique Peterson-Mayberry**  
Board President



**Misha Stallworth**  
Vice-President



**Nikolai P. Vitti, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent

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# STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## OVERVIEW OF DPSCD BOARD OF EDUCATION

The purpose of the locally elected board is to serve as the governing body of the District and to provide public education services to children residing within the geographic boundaries of the City of Detroit. The Board is fundamentally a policy-making or legislative body rather than an administrative body. It is the responsibility of the Board to see that schools are operated properly, and not to administer them directly. Please reference the DPSCD Bylaws for more information regarding the Board. This information can be obtained by visiting the following website: <https://www.detroitk12.org>



## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

The elected Student Representative is a position that will provide the student's perspective at the District-wide level. This position will allow two students to act as members of the policy making and legislative body of DPSCD. As ex officio members of the governing body, the students will be able to champion the voice of their fellow students, while receiving guidance and support by staff and the elected Board.

## DISTRICT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES

- Unless excused, the Student Representatives must be present, prepared for and participating in School Board meetings.
- Carry out duties and tasks, as assigned to their positions, as members of the District Executive Youth Council (DEYC) and nonvoting members of the School Board, in their role as leaders charged with promoting the interests of students as part of the District's policymaking body.
- The elected students must show a high standard of responsibility, decorum, and dress when attending the School Board meetings.
- If access is gained to confidential information or material not available to the general public, the representatives and alternate are expected to maintain the highest standards of confidentiality. Failure to do so will result in removal from the position.
- The Student Representatives will serve as a sounding board for ideas and are encouraged to participate in the discussion and consideration of issues before the School Board.

**The position of Student Representative or Alternate is awarded to a student leader selected by the DPSCD District Youth Executive Council, and as such is a position of honor and student privilege. The conduct of Student Representatives must set a positive example for the entire student body.**



# STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## APPLICATION PROCESS

### 1. APPLICATION AND WRITTEN RESPONSES

The candidate must complete all parts of the application including **ALL** written response questions. Responses can be typed, written, or completed on this fillable application form.

### 2. COMMUNITY REFERENCE

The candidate must identify an adult community leader to use as a referral for the application. Below, are some examples of acceptable references:

- Community Leader
- Local or State Government Leader
- Coach
- Business Leader
- Youth Mentor
- Faith-Based Leader
- Employer
- Police Officer
- Youth Development Leader
- Block Club President

### 3. TEACHER REFERENCE

The candidate must identify a teacher within DPSCD to use as a referral for the application.

### 4. INTERVIEW

Candidates will be interviewed by the DEYC. Upon review of all candidates, the DEYC will vote and select the two Student Reps and 1 Alternate for the positions.

### 5. ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023.

Please submit your application to the Office of Family and Community Engagement, 16164 Asbury Park Detroit, MI 48235 or via email to [angel.fox@detroitk12.org](mailto:angel.fox@detroitk12.org).

**\*\*LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED\*\***

**For inquiries regarding the application process, email  
[angel.fox@detroitk12.org](mailto:angel.fox@detroitk12.org).**

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# STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

As a candidate for the Student Representative to the Board of Education, please thoroughly complete this application representing your interest to serve on the Board. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.** If selected to this position, you're committing to attend most, if not all of the School Board Meetings taking place on the dates below:

- November 14
- December 12
- January 9
- February 13
- March 12
- April 9
- May 14
- June 11

## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD APPLICATION

### STATEMENT OF INTEREST

NAME:

GRADE:

EMAIL:

PHONE NUMBER:

SCHOOL:

G.P.A.:

Please identify your statement of interest for this position.



# STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD NOMINATION FORM



### WRITTEN RESPONSES

Please answer the following questions. You are encouraged to be specific and honest in your answers.

**1. Describe your philosophy for leading and representing your fellow students.**

**2. What are the three most important qualities you possess as a leader?  
How will these skills enhance all DPSCD students?**



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### WRITTEN RESPONSES

**3. Identify a time you had to advocate for someone else?**

**4. What book or movie character best represents you and why?**

**5. What do you feel are the two most significant student issues within DPSCD?**



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### COMMUNITY LEADER REFERENCE

NAME:

ORG. AFFILIATION:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

PHONE #:

### TEACHER REFERENCE

NAME:

SCHOOL:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

PHONE #:

**All applications must be submitted no later than Friday, October 13, 2023**