



Superintendent Woods selects 2016-2017 Student Advisory Council

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August 31, 2016 – State School Superintendent Richard Woods has selected 108 Georgia students to serve on his 2016-2017 Student Advisory Council. Throughout the school year, these middle and high school students will meet with Superintendent Woods to discuss the impact of state policies in the classroom. Members of the Student Advisory Council will also discuss other issues related to education, serve as the Superintendent’s ambassadors to their respective schools, and participate in service projects to benefit schools and students.

“Meeting with my Student Advisory Council has been, and will continue to be, an invaluable part of my decision-making process,” Superintendent Woods said. “To develop child-focused, classroom-centered policies, we have to hear directly from students. We can only improve their educational experience by bringing them to the table.”

Members were selected from a pool of more than 800 students who applied to serve on the council. Students were chosen based on the strength of their essay answers, which focused on their ideas for public education and the ways their own educational experience could be improved. The students selected attend public schools all over the state.

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“It was refreshing and valuable to hear these students’ feedback and ideas,” Superintendent Woods said. “This is a fantastic group of students with great ideas for the future of our educational system, and I can’t wait to work with them. I’d like to thank every student who took the time to apply and share their thoughts.”

Meetings of the Student Advisory Council will be held September 12, November 7, February 13, and April 10 for middle school students, and September 13, November 8, February 14, and April 11 for high school students at the Georgia Department of Education’s offices in Atlanta. Details will be sent via email to selected students.

Middle School Students

Amaya Moss, Cobb
Angelisa Sanchez, Gwinnett
Aria Jenkins, Houston
Beth-Anne Thornton, Valdosta City
Brianna Williams, DeKalb
Brody Kinsey, Whitfield
Camryn Fricks, Habersham
Carl Owen, Muscogee (Blackmon Road Middle School)
Carson Fowler, Hart
Corbin Austin, Decatur
Daley Culberson, Walker
Dinma Ohamadike, Lee
Ellis Wallace, Habersham
Emily Surcey, Bartow
Emily Kilgore, Pulaski
Eve Harclerode, Atlanta Public Schools
Fernanda Ananou, Cherokee
Gomez Dario, Muscogee (Blackmon Road Middle School)
Grayson Carter, Liberty
Griffin Cobb, Jackson
Hannah Culver, Cherokee
James Bond, Atlanta Public Schools
Jani Christopher, Valdosta City
Jasmine Arnold, Richmond
Jermaine Brown, Carroll
Jordan Lowe, Bibb
Jordyn Dixon, DeKalb
Kelsey Snell, Henry
Kimberly O’Brien, Carroll
Landen Burney, Wilkinson
Luke Michaelis, Fulton
McCormick Anderson, Morgan
Myles-Anthony Johnson, DeKalb
Owen Anderson, Valdosta City

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Paulina Macias, Greene
Ryla Traylor, Lamar
Sadie McWhorter, Barrow
Sadie Phillips, Pickens
Sam-Wes Puckett, Polk
Shemitria Risper, Bibb
Shylaci Sistrunk, Savannah-Chatham
Spencer Presley, Forsyth
Stuart Baker, Greene
Sydney Pridgon, Tift
Sydney Griffith, Morgan
Tatum Minter, Richmond
Theodora Alese, Gwinnett
Triston Parsons, Muscogee (Double Churches Middle School)
Wayne Lockhart, Lowndes
Will Kroymann, Bryan
Xander Smith, Bulloch
Zanaiah Billups, Richmond
Zechariah Fuller, Cobb

High School Students

Alexis Carmichael, Lowndes
A'mayall Adams, Tift
Andrea Augustine, Henry
Austin Alridge, Decatur
Austin Fabritius, Cobb
Austin Futch, Ben Hill
Azortea Sanders, Hancock
Benjamin Trofemuk, Bibb
Brittany Mills, Richmond
Bryce Nethery, Dade
Caleb Moore, Thomas
Caroline Beach, Madison
Chanz McClain, Tift
Charles McCollough, Camden
Chase Gowan, Houston
Connor Darling, Cobb
Day Story, Worth
Ethan Nguyen-Tu, Richmond
Halli Collins, Gwinnett
Hannah Wise, Wayne
Harley Fuller, Paulding
Harold Shoats, Harris

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How'Ron Nesbitt, Gwinnett
Isabella Martinez, Bryan
Jack Johnson, Douglas
Jacob Cone, Thomasville City
Jacob Derry, McDuffie
Jada Bartolozzi, DeKalb
Jake Harris, Harris
Jayla Pullen, Cobb
Joey Hunter, Fayette
John Jardin, Cobb
Jonathan Johnson, Fulton
Ju'Keindra Fuller, McDuffie
Ki Riddle, Wayne
Kirby Jones, Chickamauga City
Marcus Scott, Glynn
Mary Hamilton, Savannah-Chatham
Michael Manchiraju, Douglas
Nigeria Demmons, Richmond
Noah Buice, Lamar
Rachel Thigpen, Montgomery
Ralph Brown, Newton
Remington Youngblood, Forsyth
Ronnie White, Appling
Ryan Bryant, Hart
Taylor Kilgore, Early
Thomas Peters, Clarke
Thomas Petty, Murray
Tristan Lankford, Clarke
Tyler Baker, Seminole
Veena Jaipradeep, Fulton
Victoria Clark, Clayton
Zackary Fallah, Newton

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