STUDENT REPRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

The Board has provided for an enhanced, formalized, ongoing method of communication with district students by establishing a Council of Student Representatives (Council) to the Board. Under this plan, the student leadership group at each high school in the District will appoint one representative to the Council. The Council representatives shall serve from July of the forthcoming school year until the end of that school year (June, the following year.) All members of the Council shall receive notice of meetings, the agenda, and the appropriate agenda materials for review. It will then be the responsibility of the Council members to exchange and articulate thoughts about items on the agenda that interest the Council, develop a cohesive message and select a council representative of their choice who will deliver the Council message at the next Board of Trustee meeting. A Council Representative will be provided a place at the Board table and shall have the same privileges of discussion as apply to Board members. The Council Representative shall not be a voting member (nor may they make a motion or second) and may only attend the open meetings, sessions, and gatherings of the Board of Trustees available to the public body. The Council of Student Representatives shall be invited to participate in Board workshops as well as any local LCSD Board governance training as provided. Implementation of a Student Council of Representatives will help to ensure that all stakeholders have a voice in the decision-making process, fostering transparency, inclusivity, and a more comprehensive perspective on Board matters.

All participating youth representatives must acknowledge full liability to participate as the student representative to the board.

In addition, the Board will continue to encourage participation at Board meetings by a Student Representative from the school that is hosting that specific Board meeting. The Student Representative shall be given an agenda item titled, "Student Representative Report" immediately after "Board Member Reports" to give an update on their particular school. The Student Representative shall not be a voting member. If the Student Representative is not available, the Council Representative may speak in their place during the agenda item.

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