



Board of Education
Regular Meeting- August 10, 2026

AGENDA SECTION: Other Board Action

ITEM: Student School Board Representative

COMMENTS BY: Milind Sohoni, Chair

At tonight's meeting, the board is being asked to consider approving moving forward with exploring the establishment of student representatives on the school board.

This topic was brought forward for board consideration, and in September 2025 the board held a work session dedicated to this topic. During that work session, board members heard perspectives from MSBA regarding student representation, as well as from a Hopkins School Board member and a current student representative serving on the Hopkins School Board.

The discussion provided an opportunity to learn about the potential benefits of student representation, including providing the board with a student perspective on district-wide issues, strengthening communication between students and the board, and creating opportunities for civic engagement and leadership development.

Following that work session, the board's attention was focused on two significant district priorities—the superintendent search and the referendum process. Tonight represents the next step in that conversation.

The action before the board tonight is not adoption of a final policy. Rather, it is to determine whether the board wishes to move forward with the concept and direct the development of a policy and implementation framework for future board consideration.

If there are questions, concerns, or implementation considerations, those can be discussed during board discussion following the motion.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve moving forward with exploring the establishment of student representatives to the school board and direct an Ad Hoc Committee, in collaboration with administration, to develop a proposed policy and implementation framework for future board consideration.

Motion by: _____ **Yes:** _____ **Passed:**

Second by: _____ **No:** _____ **Failed:** _____

Abstentions:
