



SAGINAW PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD

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Student Member of the Board (SMOB) Application Form

Student Information

First Name: Tierra Pringle
Last Name: Pringle
Date of Birth: 06/16/08
Cell Phone: 810-580-2667
Personal Email Address: tpringle0618@gmail.com
High School: Saginaw United High School
Grade Level for 2025-2026 School Year: Junior / Senior (circle one)
Current GPA (preceding quarter): 3.94 (Must be 3.0 or higher)

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Name(s): Helen Pringle
Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: 989-213-3326
Parent/Guardian Email Address: Children@yahoo.com

Application Checklist (to submit as ONE PDF):

- ☐ Completed Application Form
- ☐ Essay Responses (2 essays, 250 words each)
- ☐ Resume (typed)
- ☐ Student Biography (maximum 300 words)
- ☐ Three Letters of Recommendation (Principal, Teacher, Community Leader)
- ☐ Signed Publicity Release Form (Back of Information Card)

Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature: Jurno Pringle Date: 6.15.25

Parent/Guardian Signature: Helen Pringle Date: 6.5.25

Submit Completed Application to:

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum & Instruction

Email: mfoley@spsd.net



Saginaw Public School District

Student Member of the Board (SMOB) Recommendation Form

Applicant Name: Tierra Pringle

Recommender Name: Arshen Baldwin

Recommender Title/Position: MTSS Specialist

School/Organization: Saginaw United

Email Address: Abaldwin@spsd.net

Phone Number: 989-714-6111

Applicant Qualities

Please rate the applicant in the following areas based on your knowledge of their skills and character.

Select one: Excellent, Good, Satisfactory, Needs Improvement, or Not Observed.

Characteristic	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement	Not Observed
Leadership skills	X				
Communication skills	X				
Ability to represent diverse student voices	X				
Maturity and professionalism	X				
Ability to work collaboratively	X				
Critical thinking and problem-solving skills	X				
Empathy and understanding of others	X				
Responsibility and dependability	X				

1. How long have you known the applicant? (Check one)

☐ 0-1 year

☐ 2-3 years

☐ 4-5 years

☒ More than 5 years

2. In what capacity have you known the applicant?

(e.g., teacher, coach, community mentor)

Educator and community mentor

3. What qualities does the applicant possess that would make them an effective Student Member of the Board?

Tierra is extremely intelligent, reliable, and Professional.

4. Provide a brief example demonstrating the applicant's leadership, advocacy, or impact within the school or community.

The student is a member of law club and Student council. She has great public speaking skills.

5. Additional comments or observations that support the applicant's candidacy:

Signature:



Date:

6/5/25

TIERRA PRINGLE

Saginaw, MI | Junior, Saginaw United High School
Email: pringlet@k12.spsd.net | Phone: 810-580-2667

EDUCATION

Saginaw United High School— Class of 2026

Saginaw Public School District

- GPA: 3.94
- Areas of Interest: Psychology, Communication, Student Advocacy

LEADERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT

Saginaw County Youth Ambassador

Saginaw Public School District

2024–Present

- Represent students at district-level events and initiatives
- Advocate for student involvement
- Promoting the ability to live, work, and play in Saginaw County

Band Captain

Saginaw United High School Marching Band

2024–Present

- Lead parades and mentor younger band members
- Promote teamwork, discipline, and school spirit
- Support performance readiness and organize student communication

SKILLS & STRENGTHS

- Public Speaking & Student Advocacy
- Empathy-Based Leadership
- Team Organization & Motivation
- Communication & Peer Mentorship
- Creative Expression

GOALS & INTERESTS

- Future Career: Psychologist
- Passionate about mental health support in education
- Interested in student policy, and youth empowerment

Tierra Pringle

Role of Student Board Members

June 6th, 2025

Student Member of the Board

Student board members are not just sitting at the table—it's to bring the truth of student life to the surface, where real decisions are made. It means being a voice for students who feel invisible, unheard, or misunderstood. A student board member should represent more than opinions—they should represent lived experiences, daily challenges, and the quiet concerns students carry that adults sometimes overlook.

To me, this role is about connections. It's about listening before speaking and learning before leading. I would work to ensure students across the district, whether they feel confident or lost, included or overlooked, know their voices matter. I would visit schools, ask questions, run student listening sessions, and make space for real, honest conversations. I believe policy should never happen without the people it affects, including students.

As a student board member, I would focus on issues that directly shape our learning environment: mental health access, school safety, fair discipline, and attendance. But I would also push for more student input in day-to-day choices—like curriculum, dress code, extracurriculars—because even the smallest things shape how students feel about school.

More than anything, I want to help create a district where students survive school but feel seen, supported, and inspired. That starts with having a student voice at the board table—a voice I would be honored to bring.

Tierra Pringle

Significant Issues

June 6th, 2025

Connecting Student Voices to Chronic Absenteeism in SPSP

Chronic absenteeism is one of Saginaw Public Schools' most urgent problems. With over 30% of students missing a significant number of school days each year, it's clear that something deeper is driving students away from the classroom. However, while we focus on attendance policies and interventions, we often overlook a key solution: the students themselves.

One reason students disengage is that they feel unheard of. In many SPSP schools, students have little to no voice in decisions that directly affect them. These decisions include school rules, schedules, dress codes, and even classroom policies. Our students struggle to be motivated when they feel like passengers rather than participants.

By empowering students to shape their learning environment, we build connections and accountability. When students feel ownership, they are more likely to show up, speak up, and care. Peer-led attendance campaigns, student-designed incentive programs, and regular student surveys can provide school leaders with real-time insight and creative, honest solutions.

Solving chronic absenteeism will take more than strict rules or automated calls. It requires making students feel like their presence matters—not just physically, but emotionally and intellectually. If we want students to care about showing up, we must first show them that their voices count. Listening to students could be the first step in keeping them in school.

Tierra Pringle

Student Biography

June 6th, 2025

My name is Tierra Pringle, a rising senior at Saginaw United High School and a proud member of Saginaw Public Schools since 2022. Over the years, I have grown not only as a student but also as someone deeply invested in the people and challenges within our district. Currently, I serve as the Saginaw County Youth Ambassador and the Drum Major at my school. These roles have taught me valuable lessons in communication, responsibility, and leadership. As a Youth Ambassador, I represent Saginaw United and Saginaw as a thriving community. As a Drum Major, I've learned to stay focused, motivate others, and maintain high energy under pressure. Additionally, I'm involved in Saginaw United's Law Day and Mock Trial Team, the National Honor Society, the Student Council, and the Saginaw Academy of Excellence through Delta College.

Outside of school, I'm an active member and leader of my church and participate in community service projects. These experiences have shaped me into a well-rounded individual who is passionate about making a positive impact. I'm eager to bring my unique perspective and dedication to the board to ensure that student voices are heard and valued.

Everything I do is rooted in empathy and vision. I aim to be a voice for students in my district, drive positive change, and inspire others to use their voices as well. As someone who has faced mental health challenges and understands the difficulty of finding spaces where I feel heard and safe, wanting an environment where every student feels valued. Whether in the classroom, the band room, or the boardroom, I lead with heart—ensuring no student ever feels invisible. This is

who I am, and what I believe in, and I hope that I can have the chance to demonstrate this as a future student member of the board.



Saginaw United High School

Home of the Phoenix

Eric Gordon, Principal

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I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend Tierra Pringle for the SPSP: Student Member of the Board position. As the MTSS Coordinator, Law Club Advisor, and Student Council Advisor, I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Tierra Pringle for the past three years. During this time, I have witnessed her exceptional dedication, leadership, and commitment to her academic and extracurricular pursuits.

Tierra Pringle has excelled as the Drum Major of the Marching Band, where she not only demonstrated her musical talents but also showcased her remarkable leadership skills. Leading a diverse group of students, she has fostered a spirit of teamwork and collaboration, encouraging her peers to strive for excellence. Her ability to motivate and inspire others is a testament to her strong character and work ethic.

In addition to her role in the Marching Band, Tierra Pringle is dual enrolled at Delta College, where she has consistently performed at a high academic level. This commitment to her education is further evidenced by her membership in the National Honor Society, where she embodies the values of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Her academic achievements reflect her diligence and passion for learning. As a member of the Law Club, Tierra Pringle has engaged in meaningful discussions about legal issues and civic responsibility, demonstrating a keen understanding of the importance of advocacy and justice. Her participation in this club has enhanced her critical thinking skills and has solidified her desire to pursue a career in law. Her involvement in the Student Council speaks volumes about her commitment to serving her school community. She has taken on various responsibilities, from organizing events to addressing student concerns, showcasing her ability to balance multiple commitments effectively.

Tierra Pringle is an outstanding student and leader who has made significant contributions to Saginaw United and beyond. I have no doubt that she will bring the same level of dedication, integrity, and passion to the SPSP: Student Member of the Board. I strongly recommend her for this opportunity, as I believe she will thrive and make a positive impact on your institution.

Thank you for considering Tierra Pringle for this opportunity. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Arshen Baldwin
MTSS Specialist, Saginaw United



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I am honored to write this letter of recommendation for Tierra Pringle as she applies for the position of Student Ambassador on the Saginaw Public School District Board of Education. Tierra is an outstanding student who demonstrates leadership, dedication, and a strong sense of community in all that she does.

Tierra attends Saginaw United High School for half the day and is also a dual enrollment student through the Saginaw Academy of Excellence at Delta College. She has managed the challenge of balancing high school and college coursework with incredible maturity and academic success. Her motivation to go above and beyond in her education is a true reflection of her commitment to her future and to the greater community.

In addition to her academic excellence, Tierra has been actively involved in student leadership and extracurricular activities. She is a dedicated member of the Law Club and has participated in mock trial, where she demonstrated strong critical thinking, poise, and confidence in public speaking. Her work in these programs shows her ability to engage in complex discussions and represent student interests with professionalism and insight.

Tierra also serves as a member of Student Council, where she consistently contributes thoughtful ideas and helps bring them to life through action. She is a natural leader who is well respected by both peers and staff. Whether organizing events or lending a helping hand to classmates, Tierra is always willing to step up and support those around her.

Tierra Pringle would be an excellent Student Ambassador for the Board of Education. She leads with integrity, listens with empathy, and speaks with purpose. I am confident she will represent the voices of her fellow students with great care and commitment.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Mrs. Alexia Houpis
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