



Lincolnshire-Prairie View School District 103

Memo

To: Board of Education

From: Riya Dhondi and Jocelyn Jerome

CC: Dr. Scott Warren

Date: May 19, 2026

Re: Student Representative Report May 2026

Announcement of the New Student Board Representatives:

The 2026–2027 Student Board of Education Representative selection process included a competitive application and interview process involving both 6th and 7th grade students at Daniel Wright Junior High School. Students completed written applications and participated in formal interviews with a committee of district and school staff members. The process included representation from administration, Board of Education, and instructional staff and focused on student leadership, communication skills, involvement, and the ability to represent the student voice within the District 103 community. Interviews were held on April 24, 2026 for 6th grade candidates and May 8, 2026 for 7th grade candidates. Our students were incredibly articulate and demonstrated strong communication skills, perseverance, courage, and a genuine commitment to excellence.

We are pleased to announce the student representatives for the 2026–2027 school year:

- **7th Grade**
Anish Kalvemula
- **8th Grade**
Shruthi Vasa
Ayaan Gaffoor

Washington DC trip (8th):

The Washington, D.C. trip, available for 8th graders, took place from April 24 to April 27. During this visit, students were exposed to a variety of experiences, including museums and memorials. The transition from learning in a cultural setting to a traditional classroom environment made the field trip particularly engaging. One of the significant events was the Wreath Laying at Arlington National Cemetery, where three selected students carried a wreath

to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Additionally, students had the opportunity to bond during the Potomac Riverboat Cruise, which included dinner and a DJ. Furthermore, students appreciated the additional time to explore new areas with their peers. In comparison to Springfield, they perceived fewer restrictions on their ability to explore.

6th Grade Outdoor Education (6th):

6th Grade had the opportunity to visit Camp Duncan on May 5th for Outdoor Ed. The trip gave students the opportunity to participate in a variety of outdoor activities such as canoeing, investigations into wildlife, and the main activity, Team Building! Many students specifically favored teamwork activities as they got to create solutions with their peers and have insight into problems using collaboration. The camp was a contrast to regular school life, as it allowed students to explore the beauty of nature, and embrace more physical and mental stimulation.

Outdoor Ed was a memorable experience which included various unique activities. These activities strengthened their sense of teamwork and allowed them to connect with the people in their grade.

Shark Tank (6-8):

The Learning Fund Foundation hosted a program called Shark Tank! It was an eight week afterschool entrepreneurship program that gives students the opportunity to explore what it is like to become young entrepreneurs through hands-on work and collaboration.

Throughout the program, students worked with each other to brainstorm ideas, solve problems, build prototypes, and come up with engaging advertising campaigns. Teams in Shark Tank are supposed to come up with a creative business idea and a Final Pitch Presentation. Along the journey, students developed leadership, confidence, and marketing skills. The programs started on March 12 and took place every week on Thursdays with participation limited to 26 students. The final pitch takes place on May 18th, 2026. Students were dedicated to every bit as they worked with their partners to create innovative ideas for their product.

This unique opportunity allowed students to express their interest in innovation and business as they gained real-world experience. Many students described the concept as fun and interesting since they got to create business ideas and whole products with their friends. Students had a great experience in the program!

