The Board of Education will allow a qualified student from one of the District’s high schools to serve as an ex officio member of the Board of Education. The student member shall be entitled to sit with the members of the Board of Education at all public Board meetings and to participate in all Board hearings and meetings. The student member shall not be allowed to vote, shall not be allowed to attend Board executive sessions and shall not be entitled to receive compensation of any form for participating at Board meetings. The student member shall not be privy to information regarding District employees, negotiations or any other matters made confidential pursuant to applicable law.

To be eligible for appointment, the student member must be a rising senior at one of the District’s high schools and must have attended one of the District’s high schools for at least two (2) years prior to their selection. The student member shall typically serve a term from July 1st preceding their senior year through the following June 30th.

The student member shall be selected by the Superintendent of Schools from amongst the participants in the District-Wide Student Council. In order to provide equitable representation, the Superintendent shall use all reasonable efforts to ensure that the District-Wide Student Council includes at least one participating student from each of the District’s High Schools who could be eligible to be a student member, and to rotate the designated student member among the District’s High Schools from year to year. The selection of the student member shall be subject to ratification by majority vote of the School Board. In addition to the selection of one student to serve as the student member, as ratified by the Board, the Superintendent may designate one additional eligible student from each other High School to advise and counsel the student member, and to serve as an alternate in the event the student member is unable to fulfill their role.

The role of the student member is to advocate for all students of the District, including all grade levels and all schools (not just the students at the school where such student member attends). The student member shall provide input and feedback to the Board on all student matters and raise important student concerns to the attention of the Superintendent and the Board.

References: Education Law Section 1702(10), (10-a)

Adoption: ________, 2018
Re: Student Board Member