



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



February 10, 2022

Dear Superintendents and High School Principals:

Since July 1998, two Grade 12 public school students have been seated on the Connecticut State Board of Education ("Board"). The students, who are appointed by the Governor, serve a one-year term, beginning July 1 of each year.

We are now beginning the search process for the 2022-23 student Board members. The application package is attached and can be downloaded by accessing the Department's Web site: <https://portal.ct.gov/sde>. Please inform your students of the 2022-23 application process by posting the "Notice to Grade 11 Students" on a centrally located bulletin board and on your Web site, and including this information in your "morning announcements." *Please distribute this notice to your school counselors, PTA presidents, and student council members.*

Completed application packets must be received by mail **or** email (in .pdf format) by March 23, 2022. Applications received after March 23rd will not be accepted. The State Student Advisory Council on Education (SSACE) will review all applications in April and will select students for an interview. A SSACE panel will conduct virtual interviews in May 2022, and will refer five of those individuals to the Governor for his consideration. The Governor will appoint two students to serve on the Board from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

Please encourage qualified students in your school to submit their applications. I look forward to your school's participation in this unique opportunity for students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charlene M. Russell-Tucker".

Charlene M. Russell-Tucker
Commissioner of Education

Attachment

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

NOTICE TO GRADE 11 STUDENTS

STUDENT MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 2022-23

APPLICATION PROCESS

Every year, the Governor appoints two public school students entering their senior year to serve on the Connecticut State Board of Education for a one-year period (July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023). Student Board members participate fully in discussions about education policy and lend an important perspective to Board deliberations, although they do not have voting privileges. We encourage you to consider applying for membership on the Board.

ARE YOU QUALIFIED?

Students who wish to apply for membership on the Board:

- Must be enrolled in a public high school; *and*
- Must have at least a B+ average; *and*
- Will have completed Grade 11 prior to July 1, 2022; *and*
- Must be able to attend monthly all-day meetings in Hartford (usually the first Wednesday of each month).

HOW TO APPLY

If you meet all of the above qualifications, and wish to apply for membership on the Board, please submit the following: (1) application form; (2) three reference letters from your teachers or school administrators; (3) your resume; and (4) a one-page statement describing why you would like to serve on the Board and your opinion on the education issue that you consider to be most critical.

DUE DATE

Completed application packages must be received by mail or email by March 23, 2022. Please submit your completed application package by mail or email to:

Connecticut State Department of Education
Office of the State Board of Education
450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 606
Hartford, CT 06103
SDE.StateBoard@ct.gov

SCREENING PROCESS

The State Student Advisory Council on Education will virtually review all application packages. Based on its review, the Council will select applicants for interviews to be conducted in May 2022. At the conclusion of the interview phase, the Council will recommend five candidates to the Governor for his consideration. The Governor will appoint two students to the Board for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2022.

NOTICE OF STATE STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EDUCATION (SSACE): Application packages for 2022-2023 will be electronically submitted to members of SSACE for their virtual review.

QUESTIONS?

Should you have any questions concerning the responsibilities of a member of the Board or the business it conducts, please refer to the Board's Web site (www.ct.gov/sde/board). If you have questions about the application process, call the State Board Office at 860-713-6510.

