May 2019

Dear High School Principal,

You are invited to nominate a student to be considered for service as a member of the State Student Advisory Council on Education (SSACE). The Council gives Connecticut students a voice in education planning and enables the State Board of Education, the Commissioner of Education, State Department of Education personnel, the Governor, and state legislators to become familiar with high school students’ perspectives on key issues.

SSACE members meet regularly with the Commissioner of Education - and, on occasion, with the Governor - to share their opinion on matters of interest and concern to high school students in our state. Members write position papers on important topics in education, conduct the statewide Challenge to Educational Citizenship Awards Program, and, through their discussions and activities, learn from each other about citizenship, leadership, and responsibility.

The Council meets nine times per year on school days from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the CAS Offices in Cheshire. The location is subject to change depending on the agenda. The student that you nominate, in addition to being capable of thoughtful expression within a group and committed to attending, needs to be able to miss up to nine school days and provide his or her own transportation to and from Cheshire or whatever location is scheduled in that month.

Once appointed, students serve until they graduate. Students nominated by you and who are finalists for the two student representatives on the State Board of Education are automatically appointed to the Council. This year I anticipate about 15 openings.

You are invited to nominate one student from your school who you think is up to this task. This does not have to be the top-ranked student or president of an important organization. It does have to be a dependable person of good character capable of giving wise counsel to key educational decision-makers. The attached application form is due back at CAS by Friday, June 28, 2019. Applications will be reviewed in June and selections will be announced in early July.

Do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Cherese Miller
Director of Student Activities
203-250-1111
STATE STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EDUCATION
APPLICATION

Please Print Clearly or Type:

Name ________________________________ Grade (next year): 10 11 12

Address ________________________________

City ________________________________ Zip __________

Phone (_____)_______-________ Email ________________________________

School ________________________________

Address ________________________________

City ________________________________ Zip __________

School Main Phone (_____)_______-________

Write a brief statement summarizing your interest in serving on the State Student Advisory Council on Education and attach your response to this application cover sheet. Include in this statement:

• The reasons you would like to serve on the SSACE,
• The strengths you would bring to this Council, and
• One issue that’s important to you and that you would like to discuss with the people who lead education in Connecticut.

Please limit your response to one page and 250 words. Attach a copy of your school transcript. Mail the application cover sheet signed by your principal below, personal statement, and transcript by June 21, 2019 to:

CAS
Attn: Cherese Miller
30 Realty Drive
Cheshire, CT 06410

I nominate ______________________________________________________ for consideration as a member of the State Student Advisory Council on Education (SSACE) for the 2019-2020 school year.

Principal’s Name ________________________________________________

Signature ___________________________ Date _________