

May 4, 2012

Dear 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 meets regularly with the Commissioner of Education, and on occasion with the Governor, to reflect student opinion in areas of concern in the high schools. The Council meets seven times per year. 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.

Meetings take place on school days from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the State Department of Education in Hartford. 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 seven school days and provide his or her own transportation to and from Hartford.

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. With underclassmen from this year's Council returning, I anticipate about twenty-two available openings for 2012-2013.

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 no later than Friday, June 22, 2012.** Applications will be reviewed in June and selections will be announced during the summer.

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

Sincerely,



Dave Maloney
Associate Executive Director

**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 _____

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 also a copy of your school transcript. Mail the application cover sheet *signed by your principal*, personal statement, and transcript to:

CAS
Attn: David Maloney
30 Realty Drive
Cheshire, CT 06410

**Deadline:
June 22, 2012**

I nominate _____ for consideration as a member of the State Student Advisory Council on Education (SSACE) for the 2012-2013 school year.

Principal's Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____