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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 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 nine 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 monthly on school days from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at 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, **May 29, 2020**. 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,

Chere Miller
Director of Student Activities
203-250-1111

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and their leaders

**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 May 29, 2020 to:

CAS
Attn: Chereese 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 _____