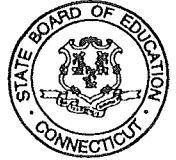




STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



January 27, 2014

Dear Superintendents, High School Principals, Guidance Counselors,  
PTA Presidents, and Student Council Presidents:

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. This year's student members, Jake Colavolpe of East Haven and Clayton Potter of New London, have brought unique and valuable perspectives to the Board's deliberations.

We are now beginning the search process for the 2014-15 student Board members. The application package is attached and can be downloaded by accessing the Department's website: [www.state.ct.us/sde](http://www.state.ct.us/sde). Please inform your students of the 2014-15 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 guidance counselors, PTA presidents, and student council members. Complete application packages must be postmarked on or before March 10, 2014. Applications postmarked after March 10 will not be accepted.

The State Student Advisory Council on Education (SSACE) will review all applications and will select students for an interview. A SSACE panel will conduct interviews in April or May, and will refer five of those individuals to the Governor for his consideration. The Governor will interview the five students and will appoint two students to serve on the Board from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.

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. If you have any questions concerning the application process, please call Pamela Charland, Assistant to the Commissioner, at 860-713-6510.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stefan Pryor".

Stefan Pryor  
Commissioner of Education

Attachment

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Hartford**

**NOTICE TO GRADE 11 STUDENTS**

***APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP***  
***CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 2014-2015***

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. 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 (July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015).

**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, 2014; *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 what education issues are most critical.

**DUE DATE**

Only *complete* application packages postmarked on or before **March 10, 2014**, will be accepted. Please submit your complete application package to:

Pamela V. Charland, Assistant to the Commissioner  
Connecticut State Department of Education  
165 Capitol Avenue – Room 301  
Hartford, CT 06106

**SCREENING PROCESS**

The State Student Advisory Council on Education will review all application packages. Based on its review, the Council will select applicants for interviews to be conducted in April or May. At the conclusion of the interview phase, the Council will recommend five candidates to the Governor for his consideration. The Governor will interview the five finalists, and appoint two students to the Board for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2014.

**QUESTIONS?**

Should you have any questions concerning the responsibilities of a member of the Board or the business it conducts, go to the Board's website at [\*\*www.ct.gov/sde\*\*](http://www.ct.gov/sde). If you have questions about the application process, call Pamela Charland at 860-713-6510.



**APPLICATION FORM**  
for  
**STUDENT MEMBER OF THE**  
**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

**Please complete the following information:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(street)

**Telephone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_  
(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) (town) (zip code)

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(name and town of school)

I have enclosed all required application materials:

- this completed Application Form; and
- three reference letters from my teachers or school administrators attesting to my suitability to serve on the State Board of Education; and
- my resume; and
- a one-page statement describing why I believe I should be appointed as a student member of the State Board of Education and my perspective on education issues I regard as most important.

I attest that I meet the eligibility criteria (i.e., I am enrolled in a public high school; I have at least a B+ average; and I will have completed Grade 11 by July 1, 2014). I understand that if appointed, I will attend monthly all-day meetings in Hartford and will be responsible for my own transportation.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of applicant)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGES MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 10, 2014.** (Applications postmarked after March 10th will not be accepted.)

**SEND TO:**

Pamela V. Charland, Assistant to the Commissioner  
State Department of Education, 165 Capitol Avenue,  
Room 301, Hartford, CT 06106