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To: Susan Swartz, Superintendent

From: Rick Arket, Assistant Superintendent
Pete Bednarek, High School Principal

Date: February 2025

Re: Student Board of Education Members

Starting July 1, 2025 public school districts must have an ex officio student board member, as per New York State law. Below is the process the district will follow to select a student BOE member.

In April, the SGHS Student Senate would be tasked with providing Principal Bednarek a list of four to six current sophomores or juniors who they feel would best represent the High School at BOE meetings. These students do not have to be members of the Student Senate to be nominated. In order to serve as the student BOE member, the candidate would have to be in good standing at the High School, including academics, attendance, and behavior.

A small committee of faculty and administrators would interview the candidate group in May. The committee would recommend to Superintendent Swartz two students, a primary student BOE member, and an alternate, who would fill in for the primary if they were to miss a meeting. The students would be formally appointed at a June BOE meeting and begin their one year tenure in July.

High School and District administrators will evaluate this process annually.