

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The Jackson Public School District Board of Trustees values our students' voices at the highest decision-making levels in our district. To this end, each high school will have a student representative to the school board. Each board member will serve as a "mentor" to the student representative from their ward<sup>1</sup>.

As representatives to the school board, students will be meaningfully involved in the discussions, including, but not limited to, presentations at the board meetings, mentorship with board members, resolution of issues that directly affect them, with opportunities to introduce and challenge other issues as appropriate.

The student representative will serve as a link between the board-level policy and the classroom. The student representative will serve as a trustee on behalf of Jackson Public School District students and will be charged with providing perspectives on students' issues of interest and ensuring students' voices are represented. The student representative will be responsible for attending the Jackson Public School District's regular monthly board meetings. Student representatives with other leadership commitments that prevent attendance at the Board Meeting will be permitted to share their perspectives, in writing, before the regular meeting.

The student representative from each school shall be an advisor to meet and work constructively with the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) Board and Administration. The student representatives shall be non-voting participants in official meetings of the Board of Trustees. The student representative may not attend any Executive Session of the Jackson Public Schools Board of Trustees. One (1) student representative from each high school will be chosen during student elections to serve a one-year term as a student representative to the Jackson Public Schools Board of Trustees.

### **II. ELIGIBILITY**

Eligibility requirements are as follows:

1. Any student entering their junior or senior year at the beginning of the school year and attending a JPSD high school and/or program shall be eligible to be a school board student representative.
2. The representative must have demonstrated leadership capabilities as evidenced in a letter of recommendation from a teacher or administrator in their school.
3. The representative must exhibit characteristics of good citizenship.

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<sup>1</sup> Each student representative will be assigned to a board member based on wards, but for Wards 5 and 6 (2 high schools) and Wards 1 and 4 (no high school) adjustments in the assignment of student board representatives will be made.

4. The representative must maintain at least 95% attendance in school and a minimum QPA of 2.5.
5. The representative will participate in an orientation with school board members once elected.

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