



Superintendent's Student Advisory Council

The Superintendent's Student Advisory Council offers recommendations to support school system programs and initiatives. Council members are HCPSS elementary, middle and high school students who focus on continuous improvement and supporting all schools through the lens of equity. The Advisory Council will:

- ✓ **Serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas and concerns related to the continued enhancement of HCPSS programs**
- ✓ **Provide feedback for the ongoing development and evaluation of HCPSS programs and processes**
- ✓ **Explore ways to identify and utilize available community and HCPSS resources to enrich educational experiences for all students**
- ✓ **Develop leadership capacity among students, including those who are new to leadership roles**
- ✓ **Empower students to have a voice in matters that concern them**

Together, this group will work to deliver on the commitments outlined in the **HCPSS Strategic Call to Action**:

CONNECT – "Equity and relationships are at the foundation of all decisions and actions."

- Learn and share information about the importance of inclusion, equity and valuing diversity.
- Reach out to a broad spectrum of fellow students to learn their ideas and concerns.
- Bring topics for discussion that are representative of many students' perspectives.
- Come to the meeting prepared to take an active part in discussions, and to listen carefully to and respect all other viewpoints.

EMPOWER – "All practices are responsive, accountable, efficient and student-centered."

- Advise HCPSS leaders about desired changes and additions to instructional offerings and curriculum, including career preparation programs and opportunities.



- Participate in envisioning a desired future for curriculum, school facilities, after-school opportunities, and program innovations.
- Share information about Council meeting outcomes with classmates, teachers and administrators.

VALUE – "All staff, students and stakeholders feel valued and are effective in their roles."

- Seek and share feedback on ways to improve school culture and learning environments to ensure that every student feels appreciated and has a meaningful voice in decisions.
- Share feedback about student perceptions of school safety and nurturing and inclusive environments.
- Identify sources of student stress, learn about resources available for supporting mental health, and collaborate on possible solutions.
- Share ideas and experiences from your school on how to effectively combat bullying and harassment.

ACHIEVE – "All staff and students have equitable access to learning opportunities and leadership development."

- Support system leaders in the development of content-specific initiatives.
- Collaborate in increasing participation among diverse students in STEM activities, programs and career preparation opportunities.
- Be prepared to take an active role in developing and implementing positive solutions.

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