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## **SUBJECT: STUDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Board of Education considers the student body to be an important segment of the School District. The Board is a functioning board with a student representative. The Board shall have the exclusive right to determine annually whether or not to accept a student representative.

It recognizes that the student body has direct knowledge, experience and interest in the District's schools and is desirous of understanding the responsibilities of the Board, of further developing its own representative capability and of making contributions to the Board for the future benefit of the entire District.

The Board hereby authorizes the position of Student Member to the Board of Education for the purpose of providing regular communication between the Board and student body and increased knowledge and direct experience in the local democratic process.

A student representative member to the Board shall be selected by the Allegany-Limestone High School Student Council. The selected student must be a senior at Allegany-Limestone High School, and have attended the high school for at least two years prior to the selection.

The student representative shall not be privy to information regarding district employees, negotiations, or other confidential matters, and shall not have the right to vote. Any abuse by the student member of rights, privileges, responsibilities or recognition, as determined by a majority of the Board, may result in the dismissal of the student from the Board.

The student representative member of the Board shall enjoy all of the rights, privileges, responsibilities and recognition of regularly elected members (except as limited above) including, but not limited to the right to proper notice of all meetings and distributed materials, a name plate if they are in use by the other members, a general admission pass to any and all authorized school functions, and the right to speak in an advisory capacity on any issue which may come before the Board in public session.

It is duly noted and understood that nothing contained in this policy shall be construed to indicate that the Board is in any way abdicating or relinquishing any of its legal obligations, prerequisites, or authority. Nor should anything in this policy be construed to indicate that this policy in any manner lessens or circumvents the responsibilities or relationship of the Administration, the professional staff, the student body or the Board.

The rules governing the responsibilities and privileges of the Student Member to the Board, their meetings with the Board, and their selection to that position are indicated in the District's Administrative Manual.

NYS Education Law 1702 (3), 1804 (12), 1901 (2), 2502 (10)

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