

Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest to serve as a “Delegate and Representative Leader to the Convention of the Student Member of the Howard County Board of Education (SMOB) for 2018-2019”. Each year, one HCPSS student is elected by the student body to represent the student voice as a member on the Board of Education. Unlike other Maryland jurisdictions, the HCPSS grants the SMOB full status as a board member and can vote on all issues except issues pertaining to budget, personnel, or other restricted matters. As a Delegate, you will serve as a leader by working with other delegates to select SMOB candidates and promote the position at our school. This is a tremendous opportunity for you to lead and serve both your peers and community in a challenging and rewarding capacity.

To fulfill the requirements of the position, you will be expected to

- Complete the application for Student Delegate (attached)
- Participate in an interview with Mrs. Shindel, other staff and your peers
- Read and review all eligible applications for Student Member prior to the Student Member Convention
- Complete an online training program for delegates
- Attend the Student Member Convention on February 21, 2017
- Submit two “Student Delegate Evaluations”, completed by two teachers and due December 1, 2017 (attached)

Accepting the position of Delegate and making the required time and energy commitments affect not only you but also all other delegates and the Student Member convention process.

A successful Delegate will....

- Demonstrate an understanding of the role of the Student Member
- Demonstrate respect for the ideas of others
- Work well with other students
- Evaluate the Student Member applications before convention
- Complete an online training program for delegates
- Give and receive constructive feedback
- Serve as a representative leader
- Demonstrate cultural awareness and sensitivity
- Promote the position of Student Member of the Board

If you are interested in applying to be a “Delegate and Representative Leader to the Convention of the Student Member of the Howard County Board of Education for 2018-2019”, please complete the attached application and submit it to Mrs. Shindel by December 1, 2017. Once your application and both “Student Delegate Evaluations” are received, you will be scheduled for an interview; interviews will be held after December 1. Be sure to check with the teachers who you asked to submit “Student Delegate Evaluations”. It is your responsibility to make sure these are received by Ms. Shindel, by December 1, 2017.

Sincerely,



Melissa Shindel
Principal

**Application:
Delegate and Representative Leader to the
Convention of the Student Member of the
Howard County Board of Education for 2018-2019**

Parents/Guardians: By signing this form, you confirm that

- I have read the information above and give permission for my child (the “student applicant”), _____, to apply to be a “Delegate and Representative Leader to the Convention of the Student Member of the Howard County Board of Education for 2018-2019”.

Parents/Guardians and Student Applicant: By signing this form, we confirm that

- We understand that this application is due no later than December 1, 2017 to Mrs. Shindel and that late applications cannot be accepted.
- We understand that it is the student applicant’s responsibility to make sure the “Student Delegate Evaluations”, are submitted to Mrs. Shindel no later than December 1, 2017 and that late forms cannot be accepted. The following two teachers to complete “Student Delegate Evaluations”:

Teacher #1

Teacher #2

- If selected, the student applicant will be able to participate in the Student Member Convention on February 21, 2018
- If selected, the student applicant will fulfill all responsibilities of a Delegate, as listed in the attached letter.
- The student applicant is responsible for making up all missed work during his/her interview, and if selected during the Student Member Convention

Questions / Comments:

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Printed Name

Student Signature