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## **OSHS STUDENTS NAMED TO STATE SUPERINTENDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**OCEAN SPRINGS, MS (OSSD)** -- The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) has announced this year's student advisory council and eight students from Ocean Springs High School were named to the council.

Juniors Kennedy Jones, Margaret Brune, Elaina Rubenstein, and Emma Horn will represent the district on the state advisory council. They will be joined by Anastacia Provino, Avery Sams, Shea Sigworth, and Robert DiFatta, who will represent the high school and district as seniors.

"We are very excited to have eight students representing our high school and district on a state level," Dr. Bonita Coleman, OSSD Superintendent, said. "It's a great way to ensure the voices of our students are heard on more than just a local level. I am very proud of these young leaders representing our district, and I know they will be extremely helpful to Dr. Wright."

More than 300 students from across the state applied for membership on the council, while only 163 were selected. The council will share experiences and offer advice about educational opportunities and policy in Mississippi with Dr. Carey Wright, the State Superintendent of Education.

The council's purpose is to provide a forum for Mississippi's students to offer diverse perspectives to Dr. Wright. Council meetings will be held twice during the school year.

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