

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES OF THE
MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 8.18
STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING**

(1) The purpose of the Milwaukee Public Schools is to serve the educational needs of the thousands of students who attend our schools. Because of the many changes that continually take place in American society, our educational system must be able to respond with new methods and materials. As decisions are made about these changes, directions are set which vitally affect the students in our schools. The students wish to be involved in these decisions and express their feelings about them.

(2) A city-wide organization of Milwaukee Public Schools students, the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council, provides a chance for students elected from every high school in the city to meet with one another on matters of general concern. In the spirit of the American tradition of "government with the consent of the governed," they wish to understand more fully the directions being taken by the Board and to have a chance to express their concerns.

(3) Therefore, two student representatives shall be selected on an annual basis by a process developed by the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council to sit with the Board in its deliberations. The students shall be free to attend all non-executive sessions of the Board and its Committees, to receive all non-confidential materials sent to Board members, and to speak when recognized. Students shall not, however, be permitted to vote or to make motions.

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