

Great Falls School District

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Student Representatives

Findings

The Board of Trustees finds that considering the views and perspectives of students attending District high schools is beneficial to the exercise of the Board's constitutional authority to supervise and control the affairs of the District. It is also consistent with the Vision, Mission and Belief Statements adopted by the Board, in the promotion of civic engagement by our students.

Student Representative Panel

The Superintendent or designee shall consult with the principals and as necessary other staff at the District's high schools, to recommend appointment of at least one (1) and no more than three (3) representatives from each high school, to comprise panels of student representatives from those schools. Panels consisting of three (3) members ideally should be drawn from sophomore, junior and senior classes. This appointment process should be undertaken annually such that new panels are in place beginning in September of each academic year and continuing through the end of school the following year.

A student recommended for appointment to any panel for one (1) year may serve in subsequent years, at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee. Student representatives who are unable to fulfill their monthly obligations must work with their principal and may be replaced, at the principal's discretion, if they are unable to attend scheduled meetings. Provisions may be made for students who graduate early at which time another student may be appointed by their principal.

The student representative panel is advisory to the Board. The Board does not share or transfer to the panel any constitutional or statutory power or authority reserved to the Board. Student representatives shall not make, second or vote on any motion or resolution to come before the Board and are not allowed to attend executive sessions and are not permitted access to any information or materials deemed confidential by law.

Student representative panels are encouraged to make presentations to the Board on a monthly basis during the course of the academic year, focusing on such issues, events and personalities of interest at their respective schools. The Board may, in its discretion, request one (1) or more of the panels to address certain issues or concerns to the Board, but the representatives are under no

1 obligation to respond directly to those requests.

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3 Legal and Other References:

4 Article X, Section 8 Montana Constitution

5 § 20-3-324 (31), MCA Powers and Duties

6 Vision, Mission and Belief Statement

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8 Policy History:

9 Adopted on: September 21, 2026