

October 27, 2011

**SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
APPLICATION FORM**

Students are invited to participate in the School Board's Student Leadership Development Program to gain a better understanding of how the school system is governed. Any high school or alternative high school sophomore or junior in good academic standing is eligible. Students interested in participating must submit a one-page statement of interest to their principal. The statement should include: 1) why the student is applying; 2) what he or she hopes to accomplish by participating in the leadership development program; and 3) whether he or she intends to run for the student representative position on the School Board in the future.

The principal will evaluate the statement of interest, as well as the student's academic, extracurricular, and disciplinary record, and nominate no more than five students. Students should be recommended because of their overall commitment, interest, enthusiasm, and leadership potential viewed in totality. Thus, a C average student with some disciplinary infractions but who shows great potential as a leader could participate in the program.

The principal will forward the applications of the nominees to the School Board Office. The appropriate district and at-large Board members will then consider and select 12 students for the program.

Please complete the following information and attach a one-page statement of interest for submission to your principal. (The statement of interest must include the student's name.)

Name _____

School: _____

Grade level (must be a sophomore or junior): _____

Student's signature and date

Parent's signature and date

Timeline:

November 2011	Applications submitted to principals
December 2011	Principals submit recommendations to the School Board Office
January 2012	School Board members announce selections; orientation for Leadership Development Program students
January–May 2012	Students attend one each of the following: regular School Board meeting; work session; community dialogue or public hearing; advisory committee meeting; constituent/interest group meeting
June 2012	Debrief; students receive a certificate of program completion at a School Board meeting