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## Two Houston County School District Students Named to State Student Advisory Council





HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Two students from the Houston County School District were selected for the State School Superintendent's 2025-2026 Student Advisory Council. Serena Knox, a junior from Veterans High School and Sebastian Singleton, a sophomore from Houston County High School, were among the 79 students chosen across the state.

Throughout the school year, Knox and Singleton will meet with Superintendent Richard Woods to provide feedback on the impact of state policies in the classroom. Members of the Student Advisory Council

will also discuss other education-related issues, serve as the Superintendent's ambassadors to their respective schools, and participate in service projects to benefit schools and students.

"I am excited to welcome the students who will serve on the 2025-2026 Student Advisory Council," Superintendent Woods said. "This council is about hearing directly from students – the ones experiencing our schools every day. These outstanding young leaders bring experiences and perspectives from every corner of our state, and their viewpoints and ideas will guide our work, ensuring we stay focused on what matters most: supporting every student's success. I look forward to learning from them and working together throughout the year."

Each year, any student in grades 10-12 attending a Georgia public school may fill out an application to be considered for the Student Advisory Council. This year, students selected for the Council wrote essays addressing a wide variety of issues in education, including curriculum and graduation requirements; the impact of federal- and state-mandated assessments in the classroom; the importance of teacher recruitment and retention efforts to students' classroom experience; and access to opportunities and resources for students in rural areas.

To learn more about the Student Advisory Council and to see the full list of students, <u>click here</u>.





