



Student Reps B.C. Surrey Team Board Presentation



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Introduction To Student Reps B.C.

- 1. Who are we?
- 1. What we want to do
- 1. What we have done so far
- 1. Our Objective

Who are we?

- ❑ Student Reps B.C. is a campaign with the goal of having accurate student representation in every British Columbia school board.
- ❑ The B.C. government has yet to take bold action to ensure youth voices are heard.
- ❑ Students deserve to have a say in their education, which helps shape their future.



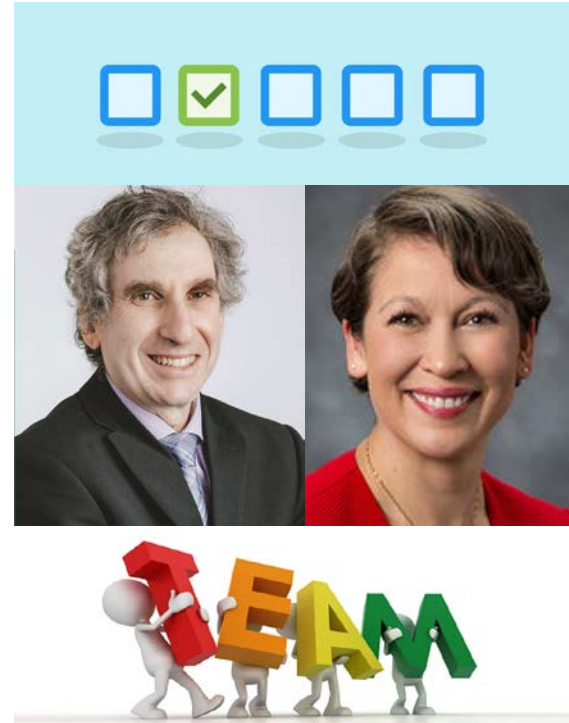


What we want to do

- ☐ Achieve accurate student representation in districts across B.C.
- ☐ What is a Student Trustee?
- ☐ Get the B.C. government to mandate student trustees across B.C.
- ☐ Locally, we want to have a student trustee on our school board

What have we done so far

- ❑ We ran a B.C. wide survey and collected over 300 responses
- ❑ We've met with many politicians and school officials, such as the Hon. Melanie Mark, Trustee Norm Goldstein, and more.
- ❑ Our campaign has established teams in many districts across B.C. and has developed strong community support in each district.





Our Objective



- ❑ Our objective by the end of this presentation is for the Surrey Board of Education to understand, support, and begin the implementation of a Student Trustee with partial trustee responsibilities to improve student representation within Surrey school district.

What Others Have Done

1. Ontario and The OSTA
2. Vancouver School District






Ontario and the OSTA



- ❑ Ontario implemented student trustees across all their school districts 1999 and districts have continued to elect student trustees ever since.



- ❑ The Ontario Student Trustee Association (OSTA) has been an effective, strong, and positive voice students

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- ❑ Implementation of student trustee has been very successful and students in Vancouver feel better represented
 - ❑ Example of direct effect on district, Vancouver student trustee's did a survey which resulted in funding for VSB school washrooms



Vancouver School District

Student Trustee In Surrey

- 1. Why we need a student trustee in Surrey
- 1. What a student trustee in Surrey could look like
- 1. The positive impact a student trustee can have on the district
- 1. Supporting and implementing a student trustee

Why we need a student trustee in Surrey

- ❑ Students must have a say on the decisions being made by the Board and the senior management team that are directly affecting them.
- ❑ Current issues affecting the district that could benefit from student input.





What a student trustee in Surrey could look like

In the Surrey school district, we believe a student trustee should...

- ☐ Have the ability to present motions, amendments, etc.
- ☐ Be a minimum age of 16 and a maximum of their last year of high school to run for office.
- ☐ Attend regular Board meetings, committee meetings, and the various other Board events.
- ☐ Be elected by their peers .
- ☐ Have non-binding voting power on matters facing the Board.

The positive impact a student trustee can have on the district



- ☐ Academic achievement and student engagement.
- ☐ Democracy and fair representation.
- ☐ Student insight can result in meaningful change in the school system.
- ☐ Youth develop decision making skills and learn the importance of voting.
- ☐ Better student body relations and diversity in the Board.



We cannot achieve accurate student representation without your help and support!

What we need from you:

- ☐ Your input, what are your concerns and suggestions.
- ☐ Begin implementation a student trustee in the Board of Education.
- ☐ Support students' input, concerns, and ideas on their education it's why you're here.

Supporting and implementing a student trustee

Summary:

- ❑ Our campaign goal
- ❑ Our objective today
- ❑ Others have successfully implemented a student trustee
- ❑ Students need someone their age to represent their voice
- ❑ We can't achieve our goal without our help





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Thank You For Listening!

- Questions
- Our Website: <https://bcyouthcouncil.ca/campaigns/student-reps.html>



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