West Salem School District Policy 442.1

## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD

The Board recognizes that active involvement of students in their education, including educational planning and evaluation, and the fostering of a spirit of inquiry whereby students may freely express their views and listen to and evaluate the opinions of others are two essential factors in creating a stimulating learning climate for all students.

In addition, the Board recognizes that students may bring to the Board different types of information and opinions that may have not been heard regularly in the past. Often, members of the Board are unaware of students' perceptions and reactions to the many developments in their schools. Conversely, explanations of Board decisions, which concern students generally, do not reach them and misunderstandings sometimes result.

Therefore, the Board authorizes student advisory participation on the Board at all open meetings in order to help promote sound education, to facilitate more effective communication and to fill any communication gaps.

CROSS REF.: 442.1-Rule, Guidelines for Student Representation to the Board

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