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## **Pittsburgh Public Schools and City of Pittsburgh Partner to Launch the PPS Students and Government Council**

*Partnership Continues District Efforts to Elevate Student Voice*

PITTSBURGH, PA October 30, 2019 —The Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS) and City of Pittsburgh are seeking 30 student leaders to serve on the PPS Students and Government Council. Formerly known as the PPS Youth Participatory Budget Council, the successful partnership has inspired students to be more involved in education, government, and leadership on behalf of their communities.

As a part of the Students and Government Council, members will learn about the inner workings of the school board, city council, and state legislatures, engage with law makers in their communities, and design a culminating project. High school students from across Pittsburgh can expect more details on the [PPS Student Voice Facebook page](#) and in their schools.

“Through the partnership with the city and Councilman Corey O’Connor, the Students and Government Council will continue our work to provide a strong voice for PPS students,” said Superintendent Anthony Hamlet. “With their hat in the ring, participation on this council gives students an opportunity to advocate for a project that will benefit their larger Pittsburgh community and provide them a seat at the table to have these important conversations.”

The Students and Government Council will bring together District students with their peers who attend charter, private, and parochial schools. Ten slots will be allotted to students who attend private, parochial, and charter schools. As a member of the Council, students will serve as liaisons between their community and the school board, city council, and state legislatures, share the interest and concerns of families in their community, work on an advocacy project, and meet twice a month for open discussions about their ideas.

Students interested in representing their community to try to make things happen are encouraged to apply to be a member of the council at <https://www.pghschools.org/SAGCapplication> no later than Friday, November 8, 2019.

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