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2015-2016 STATE SUPERINTENDENT STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

Montgomery, Ala. – The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) is pleased to announce the students who will be this year’s State Superintendent Student Advisory Council Members. The State Superintendent Student Advisory Council is a group of 16 secondary school students who currently participate in their local Student Government Association (SGA). These students will provide student voice to the decisions made directly affecting them in the state of Alabama.

The 2015-2016 selected council members are as follows:

District 1
William Tyler Lott – Mobile County, Alma Bryant High School
Morgan Manning – Brewton City, T.R. Miller High School

District 2
Jessie Warren – Geneva County, Samson High School
Madeline Armstrong – Henry County, Headland High School

District 3
Casey Brumebelo – Elmore County, Stanshope Elmore High School
Jadaria Thomas – Talladega County, Childersburg High School

District 4
Taelor Allen – Birmingham City, Huffman High School
Addie Melchor- Tuscaloosa County, Hillcrest High School

District 5
Rebecca Kravec – Montgomery County, Booker T. Washington High School
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District 6
Grace Mitchell – Oxford City, Oxford High School
Anna Clay Adams – Albertville City, Albertville High School
Trey Cheatham – Decatur City, Decatur High School

District 7
Jacob Burchfield – Jefferson County, Oak Grove High School
Sami Warren, Haleyville City, Haleyville High School

District 8
Garrett Little – Jackson County, Stevenson Middle School
Stephen Phraner – Athens City, Athens High School

Students were selected based on their leadership in schools and letters of recommendation. Over 80 applications were submitted. Judges of the student applications included representatives from the ALSDE, CLAS, AASB, A+ Education Partnership and the 2015-16 Alabama Teacher of the Year.

Council members will meet two times throughout the school year with State Superintendent Dr. Tommy Bice. Members are advisors that act as liaisons between the State Department of Education and the students of Alabama.

“I am excited to meet with these ambitious and thoughtful students about what they feel is important in their districts and schools. Student voice is invaluable to educators and administrators as we make decisions that affect students’ lives and futures,” said Dr. Tommy Bice.

Members will gather input from their district on students' needs or opinions on state level policies or directives and discuss at the meetings. Dr. Bice will bring approved recommendations to the State Board of Education at a late Spring meeting. Topics discussed by the Student Advisory Council could include: the school dropout rate, student leadership, communication/messaging, graduation requirements, testing, school climate, and career and technical education.

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