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## **STUDENTS SELECTED FOR COMMISSIONER'S STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Seven Kentucky public high school students have been named to the Commissioner's Student Advisory Council, a group that provides input to Kentucky Commissioner of Education Stephen Pruitt.

The newly-selected members will serve at least one year. They include:

- Anjali Chadha – 11th grade, duPont Manual High School, Jefferson Co.
- Joshua Griffith – 10th grade, Russell High School, Russell Ind.
- Evelyn Madill – 12th grade, West Jessamine High School, Jessamine Co.
- Anastasia Pohlgeers – 10th grade, Campbell County High School
- William Powers – 11th grade, Somerset High School, Somerset Ind.
- Grace Raber – 11th grade, Paducah Tilghman High School, Paducah Ind.
- Parker Stobaugh – 10th grade, South Warren High School, Warren Co.

The seven new members join 15 returning members:

- Amrit Avula – 12th grade, Bowling Green High School, Bowling Green Ind.
- Elijah Cooper – 12th grade, Daviess County High School
- Joselin Cruz – 12th grade, Nelson County High School
- Devin Davis – 11th grade, Scott County High School
- Laura Duke – 11th grade, iLEAD Academy/Owen County High School
- Lillian Lester – 12th grade, Frederick Fraize High School, Cloverport Ind.
- Shane Lowe – 12th grade, Kentucky School for the Blind/Central High School, Jefferson Co.
- Sahar Mohammadzadeh – 12th grade, Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, Fayette Co.
- Thomas Patrick – 12th grade, Magoffin County High School
- Brenden Quirk – 11th grade, Eastern High School, Jefferson Co.
- Kaeli Riggs – 12th grade, Seneca High School, Jefferson Co.
- Carson Sims – 11th grade, Graves County High School
- Heyna Suit – 12th grade, Fleming County High School
- Allison Tu – 11th grade, duPont Manual High School, Jefferson Co.
- Lauren Williams – 12th grade, Taylor County High School

The purpose of the council is to provide valuable feedback from Kentucky students and to engage student leaders in learning by doing. The group will meet with Commissioner Pruitt and Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) staff to discuss how decisions made at the state level are affecting public school students throughout Kentucky and provide feedback – from a student perspective – on critical issues impacting Kentucky students and schools.

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The first meeting for the 2017-18 Commissioner's Student Council is scheduled for Thursday. The agenda follows.

**Commissioner's Student Council  
October 26, 2017  
Kentucky Department of Education  
5th Floor, Room 516  
300 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, KY  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m. ET**

- I. Welcome and introductions
- II. Update, Q&A and feedback from members on education accountability system
- III. Discussion of student topics
- IV. Wrap-up, discussion of next meeting
- V. Adjournment

The Commissioner's Student Council is a year-long program for Kentucky public school students in grades 10-12. The council is comprised of a diverse group of students with ideas and thoughtful insight into how public schools and student achievement can be improved.

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