

**DATE:** June 11, 2019

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Darrel Robertson, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:** Student Senate – Summary of Work Accomplished

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[Public Board meeting February 19, 2019, Item 2](#)

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## ISSUE

The Student Senate is presenting a summary of their 2018-2019 work to the Board of Trustees.

## BACKGROUND

At the public Board meeting on October 23, 2018, Student Trustees presented the Student Senate's 2018-2019 work plan, which addressed the priority topic areas identified by the Student Senate based on input from their school peers. The Student Trustees presented an update on the Student Senate's work at the February 19, 2019, public Board meeting.

The 2018-2019 Student Senate work plan was comprised of the following priority topics areas:

1. Mentorship/Guidance: reflecting alignment to Priority 3: Goal 2 Supports for the Whole Child. Students in District high schools prioritized the importance of having more opportunities to connect both inside and outside of school with mentors or guides.
2. Substance Abuse: reflecting alignment to Priority 1: Goal 1 An Excellent Start to Learning, and Priority 2: Goal 1 A Focus on Well-being and Student Citizenship. Students in District high schools identified the effects of drugs on learning and student safety as issues important to them.
3. Life After High School: reflecting alignment to Priority 1: Goal 3 Success Beyond Schooling. Students in District high schools identified the desire for information and supports for transitioning to life outside of school.

## CURRENT SITUATION

The Student Senate is providing a summary of their accomplishments relative to the 2018-2019 work plan, highlighting the following:

- The Mentorship and Guidance committee have curated interviews and resources designed to help students build resilience.
- The Substance Abuse committee developed resources to raise student awareness about the potential impacts of vaping.

- The Life After High School committee focused on providing information on finances, university life, and employment skills

All of this content will be shared with students and the public via the newly created Student Senate website (<http://studentsenate.epsb.ca>).

Student Senators also engaged in opportunities that emerged throughout the year. These included participating in a session to help our Infrastructure unit design Dr. Anne Anderson School, meeting with Mayor Iveson to discuss youth engagement and the City's strategic plan, and making selfie videos for our Communications unit to use in next year's pre-enrolment campaign.

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