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## Utah High School Students Named to New State Student Council

15 juniors, seniors to comprise Student Advisory Council

SALT LAKE CITY— The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) appointed 15 students as voting members of the newly created [Student Advisory Council \(SAC\)](#) and one as a student advisor.

The students will advise the USBE on issues relevant to high school students throughout the state. They were selected following an application period this fall after the USBE approved a new policy establishing the council.

Appointed students attend both charter and traditional schools and represent diverse backgrounds. They report interest in issues including: mental health and bullying, racism and discrimination, access to STEM and technology, homelessness, LGBTQ challenges, students with disabilities, college readiness, and school funding. One student member from each of the 15 USBE districts was selected.

Board Member Linda Hansen, District 3, introduced the idea of creating a Student Advisory Council after she was approached by a student advocating for the involvement of student voices in statewide education policy decisions. That student, Skyline High senior Kate De Groote, was appointed as a student advisor to SAC.

The SAC will meet at least every other month to discuss how decisions made at the state level affect students. Membership is split between grades 11 and 12.

Appointed students include:

<i>Geographic District</i>	<i>Student Name</i>	<i>School</i>
1	Rachel Dikwa-Nkrumah Yeobah	Intech Collegiate High School
2	Natalie Quinn	Weber High School
3	Thanh Le	Taylorsville High School
4	Mckenzie Leininger	Bonneville High School
5	Max Eiting	Bountiful High School
6	Rylee Taylor	Olympus High School
7	Daniel Bernhardt	Park City High School
8	Alexandria Hong	Skyline High School
9	Treyton Shumway	Lehi High School
10	Sanjana Kargi	Beehive Science and Technology Academy
11	Allie Cordero	Summit Academy High School
12	Aspen Meldrum	Walden School of Liberal Arts
13	Brendan Murphy	Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy
14	Mayzie Talbot	North Sanpete High School
15	Gracia Allen	Cedar High School
<i>Student Advisor</i>	Kate De Groot	Skyline High School

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