

Dear members of the ***SCHOOL NAME*** Board of Management,

The Student Council of ***SCHOOL NAME*** wish to propose the inclusion of a student council representative to act as a Student Advisory member of the school's Board of Management.

The Irish Second-Level Students' Union, to whom we are a member of states; *“Schools students should be involved in all matters that directly affect them, and this means having a seat at the decision-making table and being respected as an equal stakeholder.”*

An advisory student member on our schools Board of Management is one of the final steps in the ISSU's student council scale in achieving the level 5 student council award and would show our student council as one of the most active, diligent, and progressive across the country. This would allow the student voice in our school to be heard at the highest level of decision making about students, and demonstrate our schools' commitment and respect for every member of the school community.

A Student Advisory Member would be a non-voting participant in meetings, invited to give input to matters on the Board's agenda which are not of a sensitive nature, while also respecting confidentiality of the Board meetings. For example, the Student Advisory Members would offer the student perspective on matters of policy, codes of behaviour, as well as providing an update from the school Students' Council, for the Board to hear and consider as part of their business.

Including this position on the Board of Management will ensure effective communication between students, parents and staff. It will also signify respecting the student body's right to be heard on matters which affect them. It will also recognise that often, students are best placed to give constructive feedback on ongoing or new developments and plans, as experts on their own experiences.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read this our proposal and we look forward to hearing back from you at your earliest convenience. The student council are delighted to arrange a meeting to further discuss how this role can be integrated into the Board of Management's work.

Go raibh mile maith agaibh,

STUDNET FULL NAME

Student Council Chairperson

On behalf of the Student Council