Student Advisory Council
2006 - 2007
Our Mission Statement

- The Student Advisory Council to the Illinois State Board of Education seeks to create awareness about inequality throughout Illinois high schools and advise the ISBE of possible changes to current policies in a way that balances a desire to create equal opportunity for students while reconciling the highly variant needs of Illinois high school students.
Who We Are

- Joya Anthony
- Micah Berman
- Anna Bittman
- Michael Byerley
- Nick Diaz
- Kent Kiefer
- Emma LaPere
- Andrea Lockley
- Stephanie Matos
- Alix Olian
- Ryan Ornstein
- Sam Schoenburg
- Allison Tharp
Joya Anthony
- Junior, East St. Louis Senior High School
- Track & Field

Micah Berman
- Junior, University Laboratory High School
- Video production team
Anna Bittman  
- Senior, New Trier High School  
- Student government

Michael Byerley  
- Senior, Lemont High School  
- Volunteer at Shriner’s hospital for children
Nick Diaz

- Junior, West Leyden High School
- Cello

Kent Kiefer

- Senior, Hamilton County High School
- Illinois Government Internship Program
Emma LaPere
- Junior, Belleville Township High School
- Young Democrats & Student Council

Andrea Lockley
- Senior, East Richland High School
Stephanie Matos

- Senior, Carl Schurz High School

Alix Olian

- Senior, Highland Park High School
Ryan Ornstein

- Sophomore, Grayslake North High School
- Baseball and football

Sam Schoenbourg

- Senior, Springfield High School
- Junior State of America & Student Council
Allison Tharp

- Senior, Newton Community High School
WELCOME (BACK) TO HIGH SCHOOL!

New Trier

Highland Park High School

Springfield High School
Classroom

Springfield High School  New Trier High School
Athletic Facilities

Outdoor track
Highland Park High School

Main gym
Springfield High School
New Trier

Field house & indoor track

A main gym
Art Facilities

Band Room

Jazz Room

Art Room

Practical Arts Room
Student Spaces

Springfield High School
We can’t take pictures of them, but these are important too...

- Safe environment
- Access to teachers
- Expectations
- Resources
- Non-academic support
- Student programs
- Student involvement opportunities
Safe environment

- Security cameras
- Entrance monitoring
- Names Can Really Hurt Us program
Access to Teachers

- Well advertised teacher free periods
Access to Teachers

New Trier English Department
Expectations

- Knowledge of what colleges/universities are looking for
  - ACT/SAT
  - Curriculum standards
Resources

- College Counseling
  - Counselor to student ratio
- Career Center
Non academic support

- Track team at East St. Louis Senior High School
- Teacher mentoring
Student involvement opportunities

- All School Committees
- Local Reassessment
- Student on school board
Our ideas...

- Online forum to increase contact between parents, teachers, and students
- Long term planning
- Email address at ISBE similar to innovate email account
Online Forum

- Two-way street for discussion and resources
- Teachers and parents have access to unique expert knowledge at ISBE
- ISBE could potentially use as sounding board?
Email Address to Contact

- Similar to innovate contact
Long Term Planning

- No Child Left Behind conflicts
- In all cases, beyond power of ISBE Recommendations powerful
- Long range planning to aim for above-benchmark levels
(Questions)
Thank you