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On Behalf Of:

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I am opposed.

1) Tax payers are the ones who should be voting; choosing candidates who will direct their taxes in ways they desire. I highly doubt we have 16 or 17 year-old homeowners who are paying taxes.

2) Most students are not aware of the complexities of the role of a board member and what they need to be considering in a candidate (i.e. budgets, policy, hiring/evaluating superintendents, etc.). They are still children who need to pay attention to the last years of their high school education, focusing on their plans for after graduation--not delving into local politics.

3) Students could easily be swayed/pressured by teachers to vote in the way that the educator wants, manipulating children for their own agendas. It could become politicized manipulation of children.