

# Good Spirit School Division

## 2017-2018 Student Senate

*The Board of Education hosted a middle years and a high school student senate. The purpose of the senate was to engage the voices of students and to celebrate the diversity of GSSD students and schools.*

**The Board would like to thank the students for their valuable suggestions!**

- More career counselling
- Career counselling at an earlier age
- Teach students the “why” and “how” and not just the “what”
- Preserve Mondays as “assessment free” for students who need to work or are involved in extra curricular
- Staff the schools so that “core subjects” can be offered locally
- Give students a voice in decision making
- Rethink “high stakes” testing and teach students how to take tests
- Help students to reflect on diversity within their community and school (examples: learn about different religions, cultures, sexuality)



*The Board will use the feedback from the senates to improve the “student experience” in GSSD schools. The student senate enables youth within the Good Spirit School Division to be empowered as “change agents”.*



- There are lots of clubs, teams, activities for “all” students, not just the athletes (examples: SADD, GSAs, Safe Landings)
- Teachers who connect with students, show they care
- Address mental health issues that exist
- Welcoming student from other schools, countries or who are gender/sexually diverse
- Teachers acknowledge students and greet them outside of class
- Flexibility in classes and course expectations
- RTI within the school day for additional help or for catching up on homework

**Thank you to the students for sharing what makes GSSD schools safe and inclusive environments!**

