

Saad Ali- Student- St. Croix Prep Academy

My name is Saad Ali, a student at St. Croix Preparatory Academy, who is in support of expanding school board membership to include students at their respective schools. I have noticed in my own school that the representation of student voices is limited. The ability to allow students to advocate for what's important is crucial as to not overlook our needs.

One specific instance was funding for extracurricular activities which is desperately needed and was not allocated due to the funds being spent on something the students were not necessarily in support of. In trying to establish an environment where students can thrive not only academically, but non-academically as well, the inability to speak and educate members on the school board as to what is important is detrimental to what students really need. With students being able to advocate and share our perspective, we are able to enhance decision-making processes and improve school policy.

Thank You.

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