

## **Students on school boards of their Marion County public schools**

The established global youth culture's substantial leadership and/or participation in national and global environmental movements, anti-violence and anti-poverty campaigns, children's rights actions, juvenile justice legislation, and many other social-political challenges show what young people can do.

The more obvious laboratory for children and youth in a sustainable world is their public schools. It is up to the adults to provide meaningful student engagement. Having one or more students on school boards is a significant and respectful way validating student voice.

### ***Proposed Action Item: Place students on district and charter/Innovation boards***

AACI will gather 3 district superintendents including IPS, 3 board members including IPS, 6 7-12 grade students and 3 7-12 grade teachers including IPS, in a series of discussions around policies and implementing actions based on a timeline toward having students represented on their school boards by 1 or 2 of their peers. Representatives of this 15-20 member gathering will also come from the variety of Mayor Hogsett's 7-12 grade charter students, teachers, and board members.

Guide to students on school boards

<https://adamfletcher.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/SoundOut-Guide-to-Students-on-School-Boards.pdf>

- Students on School Boards: Balancing Representation and Fairness  
<http://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Students-on-School-Boards-Balancing-Representation-and-Fairness.pdf>
- The different types of roles students can play on school boards  
<https://soundout.org/involving-students-on-school-boards/>