



FORUM TOPIC REQUEST

Each Board Member may request two forum topics per meeting; **use this form for one topic.**

TOPIC:

Ability of School Board to host student interns

Time Sensitive



Yes



No

Desired Date/Time Frame and Reason

SY 2021-22 so that students may participate in internships before the end of the school year – particularly by Spring 2022, when some schools allow time for student internship participation.

BOARD MEMBER NAME: MEREN

Date Submitted:

1. Specify topic's relation to Student Achievement Goal, Operational Expectation, or policy:

Goal 1: Student Success.

Furthermore, internships provide opportunities for students to participate in all five Portrait of a Graduate skills, particularly Ethical & Global Citizen:

- Acknowledges and understands diverse perspectives and cultures when considering local, national, and world issues.
- Contributes to solutions that benefit the broader community.
- Understands the foundations of our country and values our rights, privileges, and responsibilities.
- Demonstrates empathy, compassion, and respect for others.
- Acts responsibly and ethically to build trust and lead.

2. Objective of the topic/conversation:

Students want to intern with our School Board, in a structured learning experience where they can contribute to efforts that improve experiences for their peers and future students.

High Schools already have internship programs where interning for the School Board could be among offered choices. Programs are for as short as one week, though longer engagements can be considered.

The School Board welcomes and seeks student input, and this will bring student voice directly into our work.

Internship agreements would be made with individual School Board Members, rather than the School Board Office, at least initially.

To Discuss: Thoughts about application and determination processes; cap on the number of interns per member; expectations for managing and monitoring interns; whether this should be open to FCPS students only, or also post-secondary students (whether an FCPS-graduate or not).