

## May Board Meeting Report

Leamon Crooms

SSAC President

Good Evening Board Members and Attendees, My name is Leamon Crooms and I am the Superintendent Student Advisory Council President. For those of you who don't know, the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council, or SSAC, is a group composed of student leaders from around the district the meets to discuss the happenings of the district and give The superintendent the student perspective on them.

We held our seventh and final SSAC meeting of the year at Sabino High School on April 17. We started off the meeting with a welcome from Sabino's principal, Mr. Doty and an introduction from the Superintendent, Dr. Trujillo. We then saw an emotional performance by the Sabino dance program on the dangers of drinking and driving. Then, we took a tour of the school and saw their science, social studies, and history classrooms, as well as their library, gym, and auditorium. Then, we completed our last community service project for this year. Students from the various high schools around our district brought in toiletry items like soap, shampoo, and toothbrushes to be donated to middle schoolers in need. The council members fundraised and conducted drives themselves to raise the items they needed and in total collected thousands. This project was designed to give back to the community that we are all a part of and in that respect my council rose to the task impressively. Needless to say, I am very proud of them and the outcome of our project. They not only met my expectations but they exceeded them.

This is the last meeting I will be attending as President of SSAC for this school year and as I look back on my experiences leading SSAC, I am extremely grateful for the opportunity I was given. Throughout this year, I have had the opportunity to get a look into the system that determines the lives of the children in this district. I have been impressed with the level of care and tenacity that everyone here has for the children of the district. Regardless of personal opinions, everyone works towards improving this school district in their own way and to know that my education is being overseen by a group who cares about me and wants to help me is very special. To have community members so committed to improvement that the same people show up to every single meeting is special. To have a board, that dedicates their time and energy chiefly to me and my fellow student's education is special. To be able to lead a group of excellent student leaders towards joining you all in working to improve our district has been an enlightening and humbling experience. I believe I have learned a great deal about myself and how to better serve my community. Next year, I will be returning for my second year as SSAC President and I expect it will be even better than this year. I am extremely grateful to each member of the board and each and every member of the community for their time, dedication, and care.

Thank you.