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News Release

Student Leader Passes First Hurdle Towards Student Representative on School Board

Asheville, NC, February 23, 2006: Adam King, a student at Reynolds High School, has gained the support of the Reynolds High student council in his campaign to create a student position on the Buncombe County Board of Education. The executive committee of the student council unanimously voted to support his proposal at their meeting on Wednesday.

King, a freshman at Reynolds and the president of the forming Asheville chapter of the National Youth Rights Association, has also won the support of Reynolds High School principal, Regina Lambert, and a number of teachers and students at the school.

King believes that having a Student Representative on the school board is essential. "It will provide direct benefits to everyone involved in the school community, especially the students," King said. "Bringing students into the policymaking process, with a non-voting position, will give them a chance to have greater representation."

The proposal calls for a non-voting student representative to sit on the Buncombe County Board of Education and act as a liaison between the board and the student councils of all six Buncombe County high schools.

King's proposal also has the full support of the National Youth Rights Association. "This position will fill an important role by representing students in a body that has a great deal of influence over their lives and their careers as students," said NYRA Executive Director, Alex Koroknay-Palicz.

Next, King will present the proposal to the school board at its next regular meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

About NYRA:

Founded in 1998, NYRA is the largest youth rights organization in the country. Based in the Washington, D.C. area, the organization is committed to fighting for increased rights of young people. NYRA has over 6,000 members nationwide, and it has appeared on Fox News, CNN and on numerous radio shows.

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