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News Release

Sophomore Pushes for Student Position on School Board, Plans Press Conference

Asheville, NC, July 10, 2006: For nearly five months, Adam King has worked extensively to add a student adviser onto the Buncombe County Board of Education. His proposal has the support of sixty faculty members at Reynolds High School where he is a rising sophomore. The *Asheville Citizen-Times* and area politicians have supported the idea. However, the school board has ignored taking any official action on the proposal.

King is holding a press conference and public forum at Lord Auditorium at the Pack Memorial Library on 67 Haywood St. in downtown Asheville on July 20. He has invited local politicians, and he hopes that everyone interested in the project will attend. Those attending will have a chance to ask King questions and learn more about his project. The press conference is preceding the school board meeting on Aug. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

King believes that having a student adviser on the school board is essential. "It will provide direct benefits to everyone involved in the school community, especially the students," King said. "I hope that this forum will show the school board just how many people actually support student representation."

"From the time I was a high school student government rep through the present," David Gantt, of the Buncombe County Commissioners, said via email, "I have never felt government boards had enough student representation on them."

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 Alex Koroknay-Palicz, NYRA's Executive Director.

Speakers and members of the media are encouraged to come to Lord Auditorium at 6 p.m., but the meeting will not begin until 6:15 p.m. or soon thereafter.

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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