

Good Evening everyone my name is Rayne Rivera I am a Freshman who attends Duval High-School I support Bill 506-21 because as a PGCPS student a lot of matters that concern us are not for us to decide on. Having a Student Member of the Board gives every student in PGCPS a voice on what happens to them or for them. With limited access to voting rights for the SMOB students are not given the voice that they are promised. Students take a first-hand account of all decisions that are made. How can students fully be benefited if they cannot voice their opinion? Even if that means including the SMOB on budget cuts. Yes, money is a very important thing especially when it comes into the hands of many different people. But how can we truly have a student's voice on the board if we can't even decide where our own budget goes? We experience everything that comes with budget decisions down to what is funded and what is cut. Which mainly does involve what our schools receive along with our programs and sports. As Henry Ford once said, " If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself". We may be young but our voices still matter. As the world continues to change and progress with more young voices making an impact. Shouldn't we?