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## Students to set up liaison board

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FORT MILL TOWNSHIP -- The Fort Mill School Board voted Monday to start a program that will ensure greater student attendance and participation in board meetings.

The board unanimously approved a plan developed by Fort Mill High School student Jonathan Cote to establish a student liaison board as a pilot program for the 2006-'07 school year.

"There is work to be done, but that's always the case to make it work the way you want it to work," District Superintendent Dr. Keith Callicutt said. "I think it's a great idea."

Callicutt pledged to work with Cote to set up the board, and Cote is expected to report back to the board in January on his progress.

"Basically it's a plan for high school students to attend meetings and make presentations about school events to the board," Cote said.

But the students will also take notes and prepare reports about the meetings for the school newspaper, *The Loudspeaker*.

<b>Health &amp; Science</b>	<p>The idea for the liaison board was born during an Emerging Public Leaders workshop Cote attended at Furman University. One of the projects for the workshop was to set up a program that addressed concerns or filled a need, based on feedback from workshop attendees and staff members.</p> <p>"The feedback was that we needed something like this," Cote said.</p> <p>Leadership positions for the liaison board would come from student council members from each class and would also be open to other students, according to Cote's plan.</p> <p>School board member Patrick White said he wants students involved in this program to feel like they have some ownership in the project, and he suggested making a report from the board a regular agenda item.</p> <p>"I think this is an excellent opportunity for students and for the [school] board," Chairwoman Martha Kinard added.</p>
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