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Joe Contreras **Weston Ranch High School**

Joe Contreras is the ASB Vice President for Weston Ranch High School. He has acted as both the Vice President of the class of 2017 and ASB for four consecutive years. In Leadership, Joe effortlessly manages all club paperwork, maintains a running list of activities, sends out daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly calendars to our staff and administration, and spearheads every event on campus. He is not only a well-sought after source of information on Weston Ranch campus, but in the community as well. Joe is the “point” person for any source of information that happens within our community. In fact, he is so well-known in the area that Weston Ranch High School’s administration, custodians, coaches, staff, and even parents contact Joe when they need information or help with a project



Joe has also been dubbed the “Voice of Weston Ranch” by our administration team because of his skills as an announcer. He has been announcing every home sporting event for Weston Ranch since 2013. In addition to announcing home games at the high school, Joe announces all softball games for Delta College. His love for sports and broadcasting has pushed him toward a future goal of being a professional sports announcer. Joe has also played baseball, football, and wrestled during his time at Weston Ranch High School.

Despite his demanding schedule, Joe is still able to find time to be highly successful academically and is currently taking AP English, AP History, and Advanced Choir. His passion for community service and religion inspired him to become the President of The Way Student Ministry Club; a position he has held for 3 years. He spends countless hours donating his time to the local homeless and those in need. In his free time, Joe is the President of the Baseball Club and a Little League District Umpire.

According to AP English Teacher Bonnie Stogner, “Joe is certainly dedicated to his academics and toward promoting the spirit of Weston Ranch High School. He is a wonderful example of a positive person who is dedicated to supporting others in academics, the Arts, Leadership and sports, and strives to promote the success of Weston Ranch High School.” Assistant Principal Brad Harrison, who has been in education for over 30 years, says that Joe Contreras is easily in the top ten of the most responsible and hardest working students he has ever come across.

Student Board Member Alternate

Chase Hayes Lathrop High School

Chase Hayes is currently a senior attending Lathrop High School. He has been involved with Lathrop High's leadership program since freshman year, and is currently serving his second year as Associated Student Body President.

“Chase is a one-of-a-kind student leader. He is well respected by both students and staff on the Lathrop High campus,” commented Allison Birakos, the LHS Student Activities Director. “He reads people particularly well and knows when it is necessary to use his authority and when it will benefit the group to allow others to lead. Chase is a student who also leads by example and is consistently pushing himself and the group he is part of to be a better version of themselves.”

When it comes to his school, Chase takes pride in the culture and atmosphere on his campus. He is involved in numerous clubs at Lathrop High, including Link Crew, Spartan Greats, and California Scholar Federation.

Chase challenges himself with rigorous Advanced Placement, Accelerated, and Honors classes. He is currently balancing, AP Calculus, AP Literature, and AP Government, while maintaining an overall grade point average of 3.87.

According to Bernadette Ogbeide, his AP Literature and Composition teacher, “He is quiet and reflective, but his true strength is revealed. Not frivolous with words, what he says carries much weight. He will be a voice for his community and for those who do not have a voice.”

Chase wishes to further his education in law and political science. Working with Chase for three years in the Lathrop Junior Police Academy, Deputy Vince Chunn of the Lathrop Police Department wrote, “Chase took his responsibilities seriously and did an outstanding job mentoring the younger cadets.”

Along with activities and academics, Chase is a three-year varsity baseball athlete. If you were to ask any of his teammates, they would tell you that he is a positive role model on and off the field.

In his community, Chase has worked side by side with Lathrop's current mayor in his previous campaign and commits a major portion of his time to the city's Park and Recreation's events, fundraiser, and ceremonies. He has publicly spoken before the Lathrop City Council on behalf of his peers to promote equal access to the Lathrop Generations Center and consistently strives for efficiency in communication and unity in purpose.

Chase finds working with administration, MUSD officials, and community leaders helps better his own experience in community and educational leadership, and he looks forward to working with the Manteca Unified School District.



Student Board Members, Representatives, and COIP

Student Board Member

- One Student Board Member who represents the entire district on the Board of Trustees.
- Leads meeting with Senior Director of Secondary Education prior to Board meeting.
- Reports talking points provided by COIP.
- Brings up any other possible areas of opportunities for trustees to address.

Student Board Representative

- Five Student Board Representatives - One per traditional high school.
- Create a monthly report of information to be shared by 12:00 PM on the Friday before a board meeting.
- Content reported should focus on athletics and activities at their individual high school.

Superintendent's Office Community Outreach Internship Program (COIP)

- Six COIP Interns - One per traditional high school and be.tech
- Work with SOCO to create comprehensive weekly board highlights that report on their high school and feeder schools.
- From highlights, curate information to be shared by 12:00 PM on the Friday before a board meeting.
- Create talking points for the student board member to share publicly.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

The Governing Board believes that engaging the student body and seeking its input and feedback regarding the district's educational programs and activities are vital to achieving the district's mission of educating district students. To enhance communication between the Board and the student body and to encourage student involvement in district affairs, the Board shall include at least one student Board member selected by the district's high school students in accordance with procedures approved by the Board.

The term of a student Board member shall be one year, commencing on July 1 of each year. A student Board member shall have the right to attend all Board meetings except closed (executive) sessions. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

Student Board Member Development

As necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall, at district expense, provide learning opportunities to student Board members, through trainings, workshops, and conferences, to enhance their knowledge, understanding, and performance of their Board responsibilities.

The Superintendent or designee may periodically provide an orientation for student Board member candidates to give them an understanding of the responsibilities and expectations of Board service.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33000.5 *Appointment of student members to State Board of Education*

35012 *Board members; number, election and terms; pupil members*

GOVERNMENT CODE

3540-3549.3 *Educational Employment Relations Act*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Association of Student Councils: <http://www.casc.net>

National School Boards Association: <http://www.nsba.org>

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