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Poway Unified Selects 2020-21 Student Board Member: *Emily Bylsma, Poway High School*

(SAN DIEGO, CA) – Poway Unified School District is pleased to announce the appointment of Poway High School junior Emily Bylsma as the Student Board Member for the 2020-21 academic year.



A Board sub-committee consisting of the Superintendent, current Student Board Member, Chief Communications Officer, and two Board Members met via video conference on April 8, 2020, to interview candidates from high schools across the District. Upon final review, the Board sub-committee members recommended Emily Bylsma for the position. The full Board of Education approved Emily in an official vote at its April 23 meeting.

“As a student leader both on and off campus, Emily’s advocacy for positive social change directly reflects the core values of someone who serves as the voice of students. I have no doubt she

will excel in this position,” said Superintendent Marian Kim Phelps. “I have witnessed Emily’s leadership and collaboration skills firsthand, through her involvement on my Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council.”

Emily has extensive community service experience through the National Charity League, where she served as Philanthropy Liaison and President of the Poway Chapter, and as a leader for Poway High School's, PUSD's, and the San Diego County Anti-Defamation League's No Place for Hate efforts. She is also an active member of ASB, and the Peer Counseling program on campus.

Emily's term of office will be the entirety of her senior year. The term will begin with the August 2020 Board meeting and conclude with the June 2021 meeting. The duties of the Student Board Member include providing continuing input for Board deliberations (excluding discipline, personnel, and employer-employee relations), strengthening communications between the Board and students, representing all students, and facilitating the discussion of all sides of an issue.

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