



KAYLA DEAN

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Superintendent Bryant Names Student Advisory Council Members

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State Superintendent of Schools Brad Bryant named 50 students from around Georgia to his 2010-2011 Student Advisory Council. Among the 50 students is Kayla Dean a 10th grade student from Dutchtown High School located in Henry County.

As members of the council, these students will meet three times throughout the school year to advise the Superintendent and the Georgia Department of Education on how state policies are impacting the classroom. The Student Advisory Council will also discuss other education-related issues and will serve as the State Superintendent's ambassadors in their respective schools.

"The Student Advisory Council is an invaluable resource to the leadership of the Georgia Department of Education," Superintendent Bryant said. "This group will provide tremendous insight into how state policies are working in the

classroom and allow me the opportunity to communicate directly with students in schools throughout Georgia."

More than 450 students applied to be a member of the Student Advisory Council by filling out an application and answering essay questions. Students were chosen based on the strength of their essay answers, as well as their school and community involvement.

"It was a difficult task to choose the members of the Student Advisory Council, and I'm grateful to every student who applied," Superintendent Bryant said. "I think we have a great group of students this year, and I'm looking forward to all our meetings."

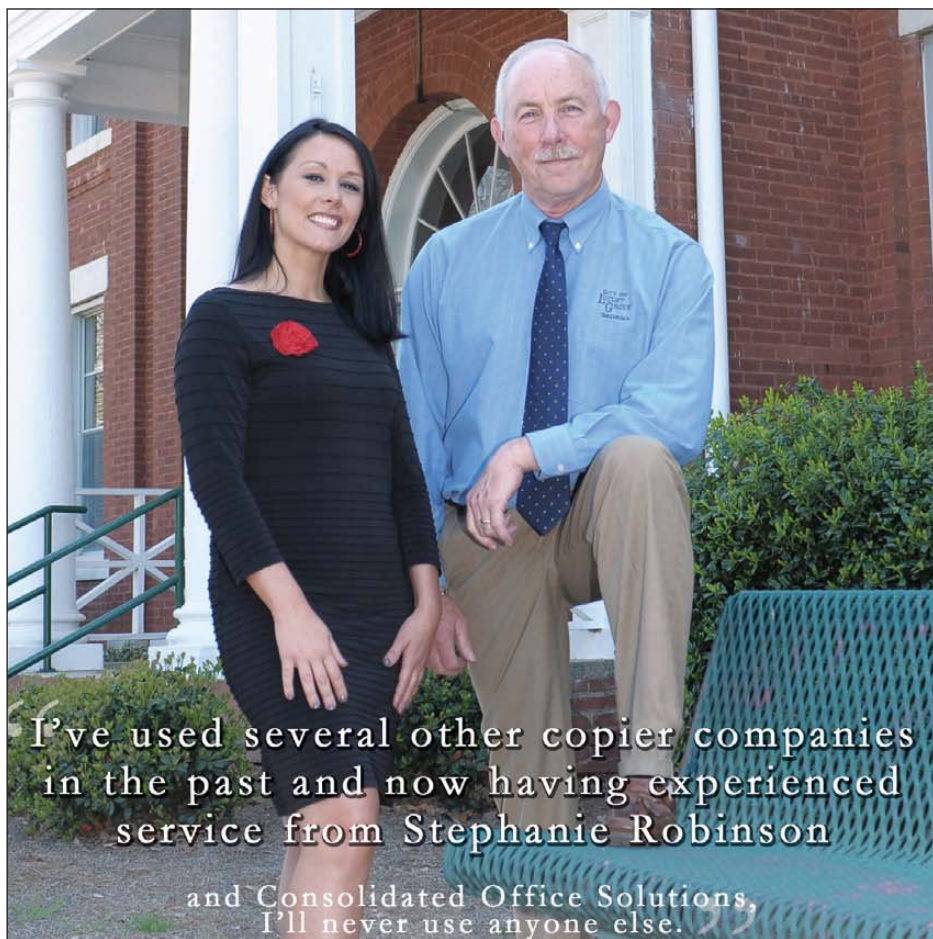
The first meeting of the Student Advisory Council was held October 25 at the Georgia Department of Education in Atlanta.

When asked how she felt about being selected Kayla replied, "For me to serve on the council is a very special privilege I feel that by me representing my county it can

cause many changes to better our school system. By participating on this council I am able to express my feelings in regards to our school system. I am also able to get first hand experience on the decisions that are being made in regards to the school's curriculum. In addition to this I am able to give the council information on what is actually going on in the Henry County School system."

Kayla also recognizes that she will be the beneficiary of valuable learning. "To me" she said, "it is also a learning experience on how to work in group settings and how to complete a well developed task in the proper manner."

Of special concern to Kayla is the graduation rate. "While attending these meetings I have learned that Henry County along with other counties has a high drop out rate. The problem is very dear to my heart because I feel that every child is capable of graduating high school and moving on into a very successful career. I believe the first step is to reach them at an early age to set a good foundation for every child to build on."



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