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Synopsis:	Former student Board members Mr. Jared Costanzo and Mr. Matthew Spencer will be joining the meeting via teleconference to update board members on their lives and achievements. There is one autobiographical document in this section.	



FORMER STUDENT BOARD MEMBER AUTOBIOGRAPHIES

Mr. Costanzo and Mr. Spencer will be joining the September meeting via teleconference to update the Board on their lives and achievements.

Jared Costanzo

Jared Costanzo was born in Pasco, Washington where he attended Chiawana High School. He now attends American University in Washington, D.C. where he is studying Political Science and Education Policy. He is currently working at the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) where he focuses on the Common Core State Standards and student data privacy. Jared has also continued his work with The Student Voice Project, which is now a national student-led organization that aims to provide students with a voice in the policy-making process. Jared plans on attending law school at the University of Washington or a D.C.-area law school where he will focus on education and corporate law. Serving on the State Board of Education provided the opportunity for Jared to learn more about education policy and the role state boards have in creating policy and working with state legislatures. Issues he worked on during his term have helped him not only in school but with his work at NASBE.

Matthew Spencer

My time serving on the Washington State Board of Education has played (and is continuing to play) a major role in shaping my college career and future plans. While attending Woodinville High School, a school in a suburb on the Eastside of Seattle, I was not particularly drawn to politics. When I started with the State Board I suddenly grew an interest in government and politics. The Washington State Board of Education was the perfect place to gain valuable experience in policy-making and grow in my understanding of the functions of government. I currently am studying Political Science at Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington. I am very thankful and appreciative of the opportunity I had to serve on the Board. It has opened my eyes to new interests and a potential career in either politics or law. Down the road, I hope that the State Board looks to continue to push forward with outside-the-box forms of education. As the world around us is changing, so should our education system. Support forms of online learning, increase classroom technology, encourage STEM schools, bolster and give flexibility to art schools, and promote forms of innovation. Taking risks and trying new methods is the only way to know whether or not something can be successful.