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CITY OF HAILEY INVITES APPLICANTS FOR
2014-2015 STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD (SAB)

Mayor Haemmerle and the Hailey City Council are pleased to announce a new opportunity for students to become engaged with city government, make policy recommendations, and lend their voice to the concerns and issues that face our community. The Student Advisory Board (SAB) is a 15 member board comprised of students from the Blaine County School District, the Sage School, and the Community School that are interesting in making a difference on civic issues in Hailey and learning about city government in general. Applications for the Student Advisory Board will be reviewed by representatives from the schools and the City of Hailey. In order to submit an application, students must be nominated by a teacher or staff member.

The Student Advisory Board will hold six meetings throughout the 2014-15 school year to formulate policy recommendations to the Hailey City Council concerning the city budget, civic and city operations, and policies that influence the community. In addition, the City of Hailey will provide detailed and comprehensive tours of all city facilities and operations to give students a good understanding of how cities operate and the complexity in running a local government. It is anticipated that at least two representatives from the SAB will be attending one City Council meeting each month throughout the school to provide comment on the agenda items for that meeting based on input from their board members, other students, friends, and their own experiences. Towards the conclusion of the school year, the SAB is responsible for selecting and organizing the board members for the upcoming school year.

Speaking on the decision to form the Student Advisory Board, Mayor Fritz Haemmerle stated, "The youth of our community are enthusiastic and have a desire to be more engaged with important issues facing Hailey and the Wood River Valley. It is my hope that this opportunity will be a learning experience for both the students and for the City of Hailey. We have a lot to learn from our youth in our community and I look forward to working with them and considering their policy recommendations."

To apply for this opportunity, students must submit an application to micah.austin@haileycityhall.org no later than October 22, 2014. Based on the applications received, Mayor Haemmerle will select the 15 member board.

The Student Advisory Board will hold their first formal meeting in Hailey City Hall on Monday, October 27, 2014 at 4:00 pm. During that meeting, the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Vice Secretary, Social Media Officer, Student Outreach Officer, and Private Sector Outreach Officer, and Government Liaison Officer will be elected from among the board members.