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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Student Representative to the School Board Takes Her Seat**

**January 28, 2021** - The Hernando County School District welcomes Haven Anderson as this year's student representative to the Hernando School Board. Anderson, a senior at Hernando High School, was recently elected as part of the Student Delegate Program, and participated in her first School Board meeting on Jan. 26.

"I intend to use my time serving in this position to dive into the unique contributions each school and each student makes toward our district's unique profile," Anderson said at the meeting. "This year I will make it my personal mission to highlight the interests of as many students as possible, whether it be the peer program at West Hernando, the Ag (Agriculture) classes and pit crew at my very own Hernando High, the ROTC at Central or the Special Olympics at Explorer. I hope to make the students of this district feel as though their hard work and aspirations are noticed and appreciated by their peers and superiors."

Implemented in 2012, the Student Delegate Program is led by program coordinator Ashley Buckey, teacher at Weeki Wachee High School. Each year, student delegates from each of the district's schools elect a student representative to the School Board. This student is a school liaison to the Board, providing regular updates from the schools and while serving as an ambassador for civic engagement.

"Students today are the leaders of tomorrow and this year I plan to be not only the best version of myself but the best version of the Hernando County student body as a whole," Anderson said.

"When you listen to Haven speak, it is clear that she is a student with the confidence that comes from preparation, enthusiasm for service and a vision for her role as a student leader," Superintendent John Stratton said.

"We really missed having our student representative," said School Board Chair Linda Prescott. "You (Haven) add so much, because the student point of view is very important to all the board members."

\*Photos attached