

Milwaukee Public Schools

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MPS students elected Milwaukee Youth Council officers *Rufus King, Milwaukee School of Languages students elected*

The Milwaukee Youth Council chose its leadership during its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 9 in the Common Council Chamber at City Hall. The MYC currently has thirteen members, with eleven of those being students in Milwaukee Public Schools. Two aldermanic district MYC positions are vacant.

Youth Council members elected **Zachary Komes** as president. Zachary represents the 10th Aldermanic District and is in the 11th grade at Rufus King High School, where he is co-captain of the debate team and the co-chair of the Amnesty International chapter. He has said poverty, crime, and education in Milwaukee are his chief concerns.



The Council selected **Kayla Schmeling**, an 11th grade student at Milwaukee School of Languages, as vice president. Kayla represents the 11th Aldermanic District and has said she hopes to “increase young people’s knowledge and involvement in the electoral process.” Kayla is a member of the National Honor Society, fluent in multiple languages, plays the piano, and is a performer with the Milwaukee Ballet.

The Milwaukee Youth Council is a well-respected youth leadership body aimed at students aged 14 to 18 interested in government and in making a difference in the Milwaukee community. For more information on the Youth Council please visit <http://city.milwaukee.gov/YouthCouncil>.

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