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**Student Representative End of the Year Report Out**  
**Doha Ibrahim and Imere Williams**  
**2019-2020**

# Our Student Representative Mission Statement

“As student representatives on the Philadelphia Board of Education, we will commit ourselves to serving the students of Philadelphia to our fullest capacity and communicating their interests to the board.”





# How we felt at the beginning!



**“My voice and opinion was always respected at every table talk I was apart of. Then I found what my voice inspire many people. That is why I applied for this position to continue to advocate and be the face to student voice.**

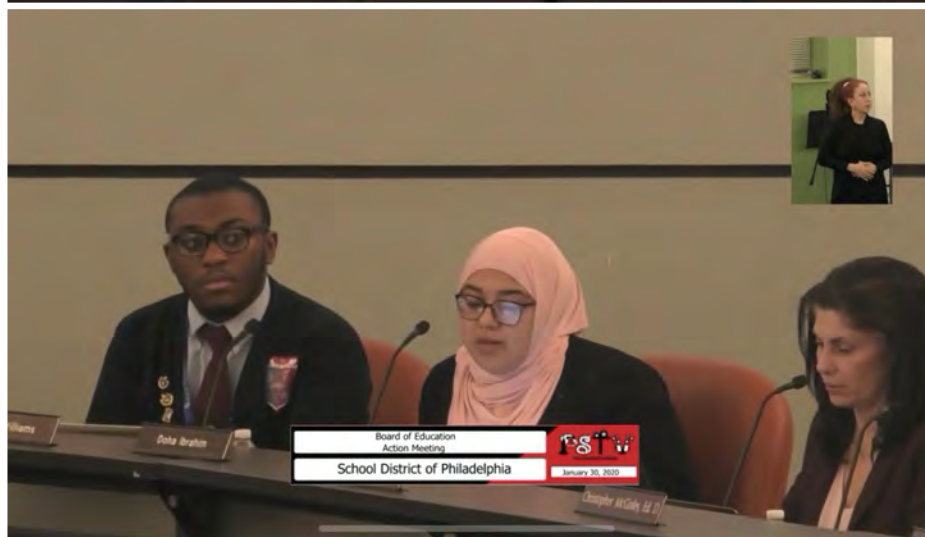


**“I’ve always dreamed of a position like this one. Student voice and involvement is one of the most vital things in education.”**

# WE WERE READY FOR ACTION!



# Board Meetings



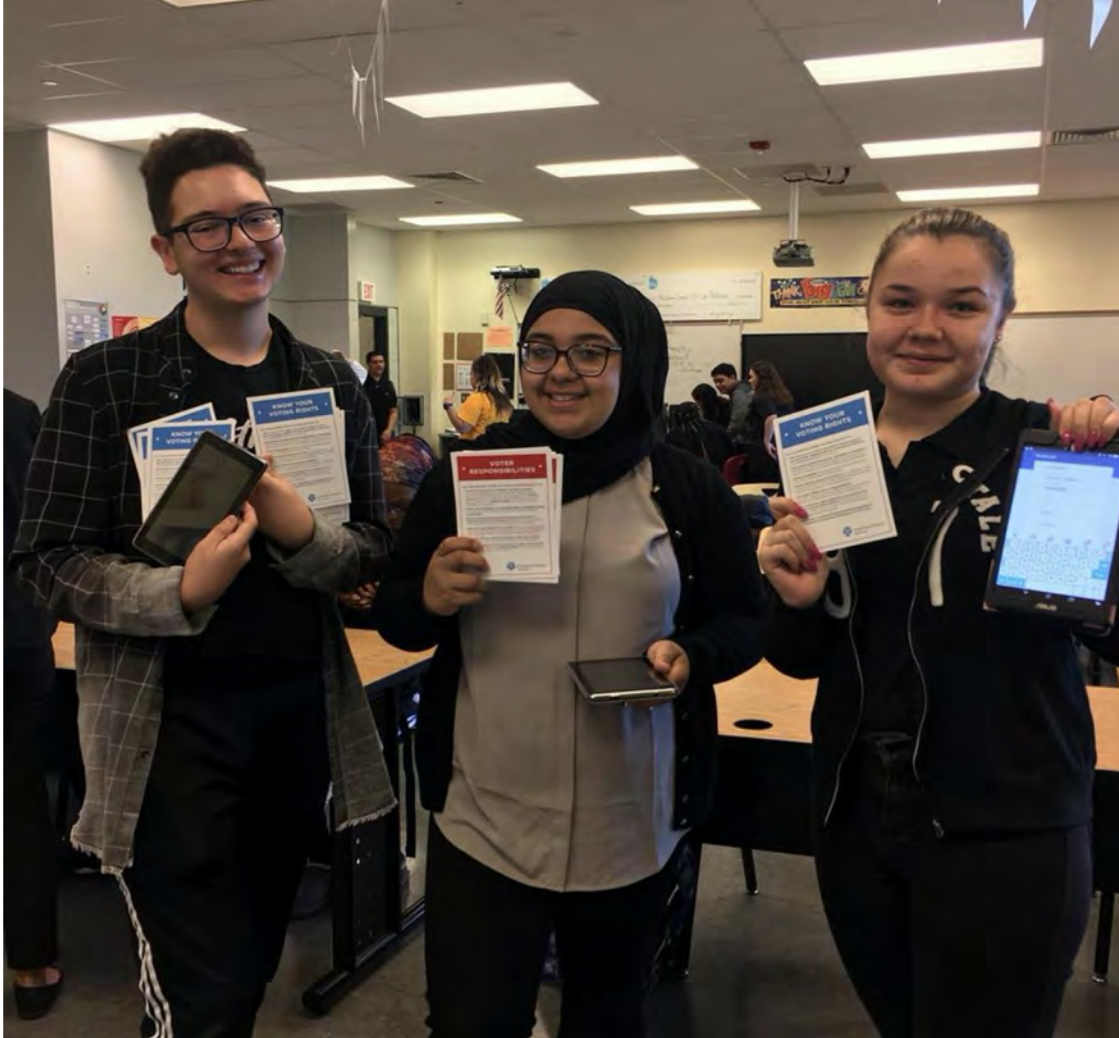


# Our Vision



1. Implement student governments in every school
2. Push for safe spaces
3. Advocate for the elimination of library fees
4. Build mentorship programs
5. Get every student eligible to vote registered

# Getting Students to Vote!



- We both held voting registration events at our schools
  - We were able to get 100+ students registered to vote
- We continued to push voter registration throughout the year on social media and mass emails



# Safe Spaces



- We learned very fast that students already have safe spaces within their schools
  - Clubs
  - Trusted faculty/staff member
  - Sports Teams

# Eliminating Library Fees!



- One of our initial goals was to get The Free Library of Philadelphia to eliminate outstanding fees for all students!
- We both advocated and sent in written testimony to the Board of Trustees
- The Free Library of Philadelphia eventually voted to eliminate library fees!

# Community Engagement



- Dr.Hite's Student Advisory Board Meetings
- Social Media
- Mass Emails



# School Visits



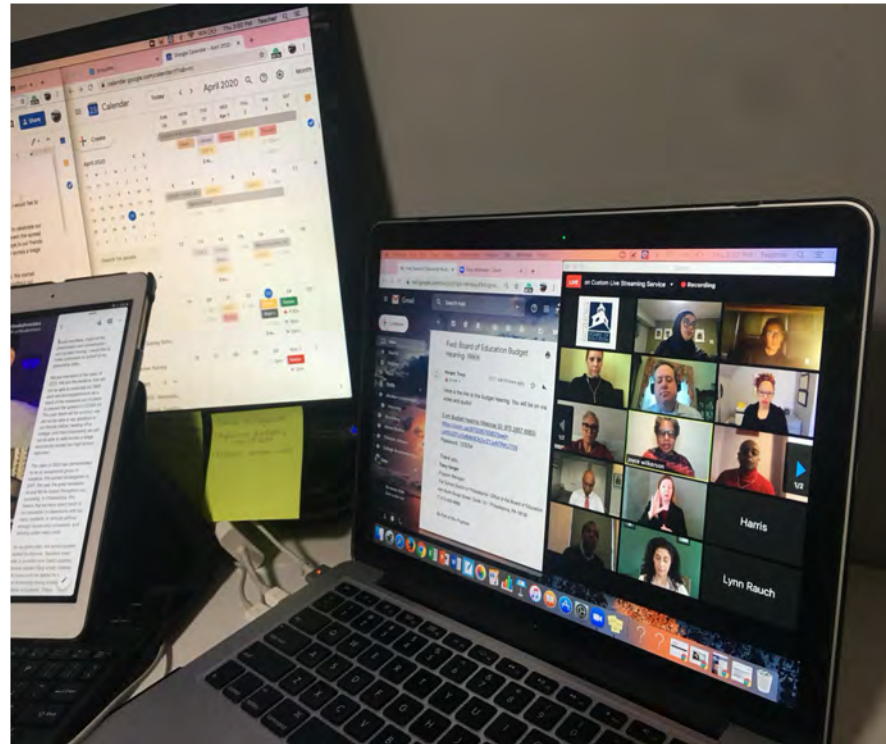
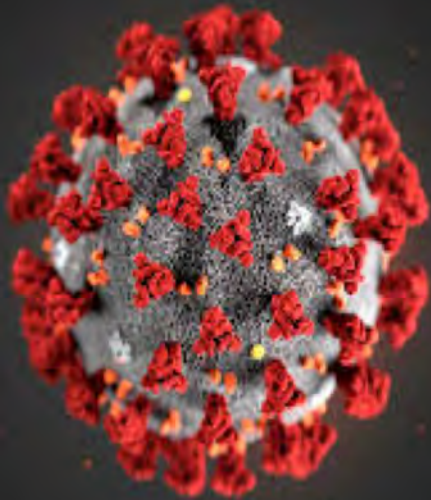
# Meeting Mayor Kenney

- We met with Mayor Kenney to talk about our roles as Student Reps.
- We brought up topics about student governments, safe spaces, internships, and library fines elimination advocacy





# Then, we were hit by COVID-19



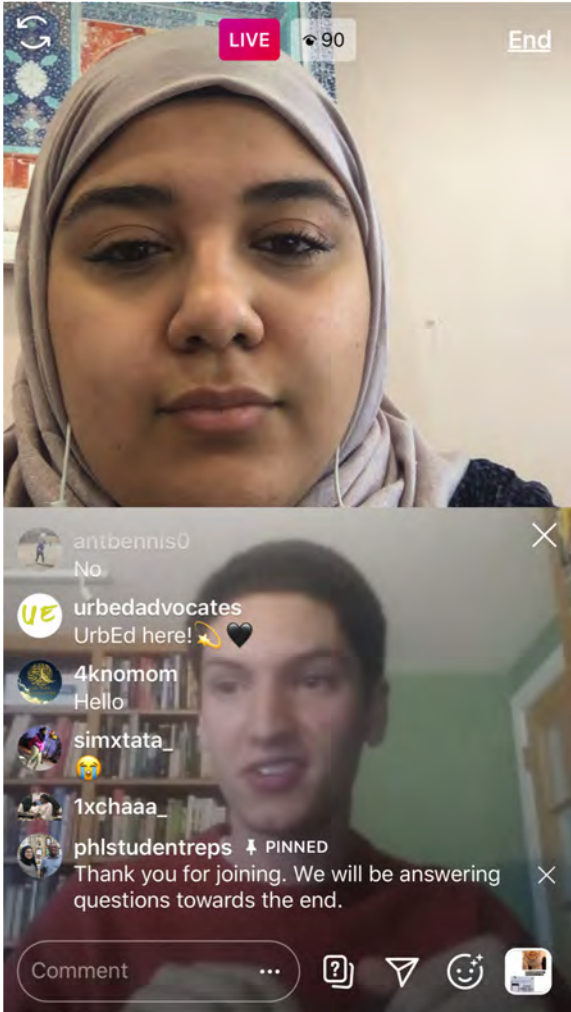
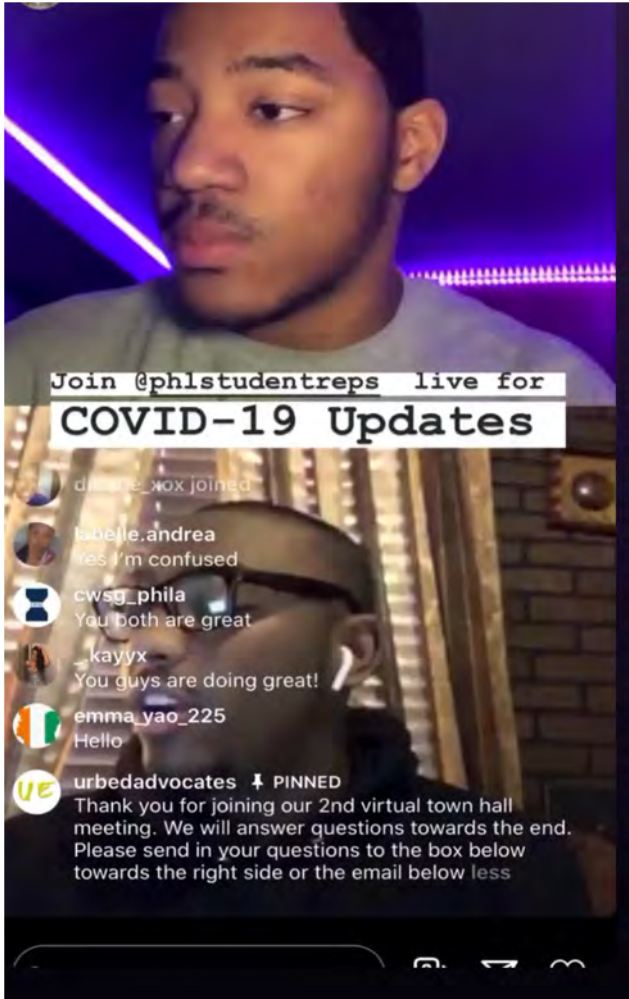


# But, that didn't stop us



- Blended Virtual School Visit!
  - Masterman, Boys' Latin, E&S, SLA, Girls' High, Lincoln, and more
- Two Student Town Halls!
  - Brought in hundreds of students from across the district
- Phone call with Mayor Kenney

# Student Town Halls



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OPINION

## Philly high school seniors: Don't let coronavirus force more budget cuts | Opinion

Updated: April 22, 2020 - 11:50 AM

Doha Ibrahim and Imere Williams, For The Inquirer



- Funding advocacy
  - Philadelphia Inquirer article
  - Recruited several student leaders for PCCY
  - Testified at a city council meeting



# **This is how we feel now**

## **Doha's Take on Being Student Representative**



**"Being a student Representative taught me to look into more issues that students are facing in schools across Philadelphia other than what I see within my community."**

## **Imere's Take on Being Student Representative**



**"My favorite part about being the student representative was being in the presence of students from all across the district. I truly enjoyed hearing and watching students share their voices and feel proud about how they are contributing to their school and community."**

**This has been an amazing journey!**





# We thank all of our friends and family





**A HUGE THANK YOU TO TRACY HORGER!**



# What's next for Imere and Doha?



**IMERE**  
**West Chester University**  
**Middle Grades Education**



**DOHA**  
**Temple University**  
**Political Science**



# Until next time!

