

PROJECT VOYCE

Voices of Youth Changing Education




What students want and need from their Teachers

Our mission is to make student voice real in school renewal

To Increase Student Achievement and Learning
through.....

- ⌘ Action Research
- ⌘ Leadership Development
- ⌘ Community Partnerships



Student Voice: Tools for Great Teachers

I'd like to Get to Know You

(but you may be the last to know) – Shelby's story

- Ask students to tell or write their stories
- Respond to their stories, then.....
- Share your struggles

Give Respect - or Go Home – Lorenzo's Story

- ü Know your own biases

- ü Demonstrate unconditional respect

- ü Work with the outliers

Work With Us, Not For Us – Esmeralda and Dr. Waters

§Find allies

§Youth Action Research – authentic feedback, student-only focus groups

§Data-driven recommendations

§Teacher/Leader Buy-in

§Take ActionTogether in youth/adult partnerships

Fast, Frequent Feedback – BRS Student/Teacher Eval. Team

Student Evaluation of Teachers

- Student-led, useful, respectful – it's not that scary
- Summative: useful, but slow
- Formative: useful and fast
- Use it or Lose it – Tell students you're using their ideas

What's Ole Christopher Columbus Got To Teach Me? - Henry

Ø#1 Reason why disengaged middle school students show up

ØUse their culture as the curriculum

Never Give Up On Us

- § She just likes the smart kids
- § “The Can, But Won’t Students”

Give Us the Opportunity to Lead

- Pizza and Emerging Leaders
- Challenge Us, But Ask Permission

The Wearer Knows Where the Shoe Pinches – old proverb

- Teachers are the experts on teaching.
- We're the experts on learning

Thank You for all your hard work
to be great Teachers!

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