

# **Project VOYCE**

## **Voices of Youth Changing Education**



***Increasing Student Achievement in Urban Schools: Listening to the Voices of Students and Community Partners***

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- History

- Founded after the closure of an inner city high school in Denver; Manual High School.
  - School was reformed without student voice and failed

- Mission Statement

- To make student voice real in school renewal, to improve learning and achievement through leadership development, action research, and community partnerships

# **Quantum Leap!**

Can you go further with a  
little extra help?

# Building Youth-Adult Partnerships

- 1. Build Team
- 2. Youth-led trainings
- 3. Data → Respect
- 4. Create BHAG's
- 5. Create Allies
- 6. Make Changes!

# Creating Innovative Feedback Systems

- Student Surveys
  - Bruce Randolph struggles and successes
  - Teacher buy-in
- Fast, Frequent, Feedback
  - What qualifies as good feedback?
  - Love Sandwich
  - Teachers and students need to be trained

# Advocating for Policy Change

- Colorado State Council for Educator Effectiveness
- Domino Effect
  - Be the first to the microphone
    - Know what you want to achieve, and be passionate about your goals
  - Get your voice out there
    - Don't be afraid to think big!

# Q&A

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