

# RAISING STUDENT VOICES & PARTICIPATION (RSVP)

SUPERINTENDENT'S STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

JANUARY 14, 2021



# WELCOME GUESTS

HIGH SCHOOL ADMIN WERE INVITED TO LEARN ABOUT RSVP.



# PURPOSE:

- Elevate student voice and student experience to inform school and district decision making
- Provide a structure for two way communication between adults and students
- Provide a safe place for students to apply the leadership skills that they are learning and/or developing
- Build relationships between adults and students where all voices are equal



# ZOOM ETIQUETTE

- **Cameras on & mute your mic**
- **Rename as needed (she/her/hers, he/him/his, they/them/theirs)**
- **Raising your hand**
- **Be aware of your surroundings**
- **Ask questions in chat**
- **Have fun!**

# COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS:

- Be Present
- *Step up, step back --- share the air*
- *Assume positive intent*
- *Notice moment of discomfort and stay curious*
- Be an active listener --- with your ears, eyes, and heart
- *Speak your truth without blame or judgement*
- *Respect where folks are at*
- *Show up for others in ways you want others to show up for you*



BUILDING  
RELATIONSHIPS W/  
DISTANCE LEARNING  
BINGO

TODAY'S ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS...

WHAT IS AN EMPATHY INTERVIEW?

GOALS:

EMPATHIZE WITH EACH OTHER'S EXPERIENCES

NO COMMENTARY

DON'T FEAR SILENCE

HOLD VALIDATIONS UNTIL THE END



# INTERVIEW TOPIC: EXPLAIN YOUR NINTH GRADE YEAR

- THE FRIENDS YOU MADE
- BIGGEST SURPRISE ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL
- THE THING YOU REMEMBER MOST ABOUT NINTH GRADE
- SOMETHING YOU WISH HAD HAPPENED DIFFERENTLY

INQUIRY:

CLOSURE: WHAT DO YOU WANT TEACHERS  
& OTHER ADULTS TO KNOW DURING THE  
MONTH OF JANUARY?

## STUDENT RESPONSES

- I would like teachers and staff to know that having these asynchronous days not only helped me catch up on work, but also gave a mental health break; even though it may be one day, it has been really helpful. I've seen similar responses with some of my closer peers and they've really appreciated it as well.
- It's hard to get back on track (especially online) after such a long break, so maybe help out with getting back on track by giving us short breaks in class to refocus after being on camera for those long periods of time.
- Student motivation is extremely low and students need more leniency regarding due dates and assignments.
- Finals are coming up and not only do we increase our study time but our stress also increases so the assignments that we have to do should be like study guides so we can be informed of what to study and what to focus on.
- January marks the end of first semester and I feel like a lot of students are going to try and mend their grades a little more than usual. Considering Covid has created an environment so uniquely difficult to navigate, 2021 may seem like a symbol of hope and reparation for a lot of people. Allowing students to make up for possible faults in the past semester would be amazing. (Extra Credit; Late Work; etc.)

## STUDENT RESPONSES

-While it is important to move ahead with academics, giving breaks and space for students to keep motivation up is important. Maybe planning a stress-free activity that isn't directly Zoom related that is just for fun either in-class or after-school. Sometimes it would be good to give us a little break from so much homework all the time because we sometimes become stressed over all the assignments and homework that we have.

-It's hard for us too and to be a little flexible with our assignments and how many they assign just because a lot of people are going through stress and the whole online thing makes school more difficult than it already is.

-There is so much pressure with grades being due and finals that students become extremely stressed out, with some giving up. Leniency in the week or 2 leading up to the final and encouragement both before the final and congratulations and praise after the final are greatly appreciated. It makes them (students) feel the studying is a pay off and worth it.

-With the end of the semester and finals coming up, I believe it is important to know that students will be experiencing quite a bit of stress. It is important to be empathetic towards students and, in fact, many of my teachers are not giving finals all together, which I believe is helpful to students. It can also be helpful to be understanding if students turn in late work and to grade it before the semester.

ARTWORK IS BEING ACCEPTED FOR AN  
RSVP LOGO...

STUDENT ADVISORY  
BOARD ON  
LEGISLATION IN  
EDUCATION (SABLE)

January 11th-13th, 2021

KAMRON, KATRINA,  
MAYA AND MEGAN  
ATTENDED

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SAY,  
"CHEESE!"

View

Maya Bryson

Jill Baker, she/her

Tammy Lavelle

Kamron Moore-Woods

Kim Lam (Her/Him/They)

Jake Deleray

Bryan Whitfield

Diego Kagurabadza (he/him)

Zoya Siddiqui

Megan Lane-Landrum

Monserrat Castro

ryan pocinich (he/him)

Jacob Jacoub

Christopher Haro

Ivonne ramon

Katrina Doyle-Jacobson [she/...

Ask to Unmute ...



# SEE YOU NEXT TIME

Our next opportunity to be together is...

Thursday, March 11th, 2021 3:30-5:00 PM

Last Meeting Date: May 6th