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NEWSLETTER

A monthly newsletter representing student voices

This month, students talk about...

IDENTITY

Students were given the question, "What ideas do you have for ways to increase students' sense of identity at your school?" Here are some of their responses to help that issue:

- Increasing cultural and racial diversity on campus
- Larger awareness of gender and sexual orientation diversity
- Having more events on school (such as spirit rally or fall games) to bring everyone together
- **Being more open minded and having more representation through school curriculum**



BELONGING

Students were given the question, "What ideas do you have for ways to increase students' sense of belonging at your school?" Here are some of their responses to help that issue:

- Teacher/Staff are more educated with the struggle of student's gender/ethnicity and willing to help them as well
- **Have an option to leave to go to the wellness center if needed**
- Having more events that are inclusive to everyone



AGENCY

Students were given the question, "What ideas do you have for ways to increase students' sense of belonging at your school?" Here are some of their responses to help that issue:

- **Teachers/staff being more open to student criticism/questions and taking them into account**
 - Ex: When a student asks what's on the test, explain what they need to know and study in order to be fully prepared
- Having the school board be more available and open to suggestions
- Adults being more open to listen to students of what they really need



WHAT QUESTIONS CAN HELP PEOPLE FEEL A SENSE OF AGENCY, BELONGING, AND IDENTITY?

These questions help adults understand students sense of identity, agency, and belonging by targeting not only academic inquiries, but also emotional or insightful factors of students' lives:

- How well do did you get along with other students who are different than you?
- Do you feel connected to a majority of the students at school?
- Can you be yourself in your school environment?
- **Were your actions actually implemented? Whether it be to a peer or an adult on campus**



WHAT SHOULD ADULTS KNOW?

Here are some things students would like you to know this month:

- Implementing/changing the school curriculum to be more inclusive can help students have an identity and feel belong at school
- Having more events that are culturally and ethically diverse
- **Adults should be open-minded to any and all questions students have, and respond in a clear and understandable matter**



A CHANGE STARTS WITH OUR VOICES AND YOUR PARTICIPATION

Thank you for reading our newsletter for this month!

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