

Welcome- We are grateful you are here!

Statewide Equity Council Leads 2024-2025

Work Session
Student Voice and Engagement

*"Equity means that every child gets what he, she or they needs to
succeed, as opposed to everyone gets the same thing"*

-Alan Blankstein

TIME	ITEM
2:00 pm - 2:05 pm	Welcome & Session Goals
2:05 pm - 2:55 pm	Empowering Students to Guide Equity Work for Inclusive Practices
2:55 pm - 3:00 pm	Questions, Appreciations, & Close



SESSION GOALS

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By the end of this session, you will:

1. Understand the importance of student voice in equity work
2. Identify barriers to meaningful student engagement
3. Explore strategies to elevate student voice in decision-making

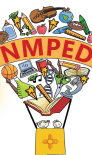


INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome!

In the chat, please share:

- Your name
- Your district or charter school
- What's the most impactful feedback you have ever received from a student?



WHY STUDENT VOICE MATTERS

- Students provide valuable insights into their experiences.
- Inclusion of diverse perspectives leads to better outcomes.
- Engaged students feel empowered, fostering a culture of belonging.



Barriers to Student Engagement

- Lack of access to leadership opportunities
- Misalignment between adult priorities and student needs
- Tokenism or superficial inclusion
- Language, cultural, or systemic barriers



Reflection: What Are the Current Gaps?

1. What opportunities currently exist for student voice in your schools?
2. How do students feel about their level of influence?
3. What gaps or barriers have you observed?





Access the [Padlet](#) via the link or QR code



COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITY:

**DESIGNING STUDENT
ENGAGEMENT PLANS**

- Break into small groups
- Task: Develop a plan for engaging students in equity work at your district/school.
- Consider:
 - What will engagement look like?
 - How will students' feedback be incorporated?
 - How will you measure success?



Group Reflection & Discussion

Share Out

- How do these ideas align with your equity goals?
- What challenges might you face?
- How can Equity Councils support this work?
- What helpful ideas do you observe?



NEXT STEPS

Next Steps for Equity Council Leads

- Review current student engagement strategies.
- Schedule follow-up discussions with student representatives.
- Connect with other Equity Council Leads to share ideas and strategies on student voice and engagement.
- For additional support, please join office hours that are convenient for you - see [schedule](#).
- Join us for the January Quarterly Meeting on 1/30 see [schedule](#).



QUESTIONS, APPRECIATIONS, & CLOSE

Appreciations and Closing



Reminder:
Progress not
perfection

