Together We Make a Difference: Lifting Student Voice

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Recently schools and communities across the state of Minnesota have experienced racist events.

Racial, religious, or sexual harassment is simply unacceptable in our schools.

The goal of safe, supportive school environments is of paramount importance.

We commit to making every effort to ensure that students have a safe environment.
Associations supporting this work

School Districts Across the State

Student Champions
The How:

- Organized student groups across the state to gather student voice
- The model used to gather students together was a World Café which is a way of organically gathering voice by asking powerful questions and creating a safe space
- The culminating activity is a statewide student conference
Regional Visits:

- Detroit Lakes - September 14th
- Grand Rapids - September 15th
- Rochester - September 20th
- St. Louis Park - September 21st
- St. Cloud - September 27th
- North St. Paul - September 28th
- Redwood Falls - October 3rd
Powerful Questions:

1. How might you as a student create and support a safe environment so that all students feel welcome and can participate in school athletics and activities?

2. How might we build camaraderie at sports, activities and school events?

3. How can we as students ensure that our fellow peers follow the rules and code of conduct at sporting events and activities even when we are not in a position of power?
Major League Baseball has a diversity problem, experts say. This year’s World Series is proof.
Social Media

- Student voice convenings
- Barber shop style conversations
- A day in the life
Synthesis Workshop Themes:

Promote a positive environment; team building opportunities, team get togethers, team meals, and the juniors and seniors leading by example for the freshman and sophomores.

Accountability; and taking responsibility for your actions, practice good sportsmanship,

Access/Opportunity; ensure all students are aware of the different activities and sports available, equitable access is important so all feel welcome.
Next Steps

• Statewide Student Conference
Thank you!