The Power of Student Voice-
Are You Listening?

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The Why of Listening to Student Voice
Our Motto is You Belong Here, but....

How do you belong somewhere when you don’t have a voice?
The **Why** of Listening to Student Voice

- Working on the Work with student choice
- Fosters leadership among students
- Voice improves instruction and school climate by allowing students to submit their ideas
- Students are our customers
Discussion Question

Think back to middle school and high school. If you could go back, what would you suggest that would have improved your school experience?
Our Journey
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Working on the Work - Giving student choices on how to complete assignments.

- **Engagement**: I did the activity because it was interesting & meaningful.
- **Strategic Compliance**: I did the activity because I had to but I enjoyed it.
- **Ritual Compliance**: I did the activity but I didn’t want to do it.
- **Retreatism**: I didn’t do the activity but I didn’t disrupt others.
- **Rebellion**: I didn’t do the activity and I disrupted others.
Teacher Surveys to Gain Student Feedback

Our Journey
Results from a History Teacher Survey

Combined total of 97.5% that were engaged in learning history this past year.

- 53.2% of students that found a **PASSION** for history.
- 44.3% of students **LEARNED MORE** about history than they expected to learn.
Results from an English Teacher Survey

Which novel did you enjoy reading most?

- The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
- "Flowers for Algernon"
- "The Diary of Anne Frank" (play)
- A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Which project did you enjoy most?

- Secret Annex
- Shark Tank Propaganda Project
- The Outsiders
- Visual Vocab
- Diary of Anne Frank Readers Theater
- A Christmas Carol
Giving students a voice in who we hire at WGMS

Students participate in mini-lessons taught by potential candidates and help choose new hires.
Our Journey

Lunch Time Conversations
Allow Students to Create Clubs

- God is Greater
- Duct Tape Club
- Baking Club
- Video Game Club
- Board Game Club
- Skateboarding Club
- Hip Hop Club
- Pokemon Club
- Anime Club
- Crafty Cats
Do we need a discussion question here?
Results
from listening to our students
Outdoor Classroom
Include Students in the Hiring Process
Increased student engagement based on student surveys

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Change Schedule & Added Electives

3 elective choices

New Elective Classes
- Outdoor Education
- Digital Media
- Career Exploration
- Student News Program
Homework help during the school day
Coffee Bar
Makerspaces
Next Steps
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- Include students in on interviews for prospective teachers
- More focus groups
- Use student input to create more innovative courses that allow students to pursue their passions
- Gather voice more from struggling students to address their school needs
- Include students in teacher planning in PLC's
Thanks!

Any questions?

Any ideas?

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