
Student Voice in Action: From Feedback to District Change



Maple Run Unified School District
Bellows Free Academy (St. Albans)

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Join the Bellows Free Academy, Student Voice Committee (SVC) for a deep dive into how we bridge the gap between students and the school board. We're breaking down our structure, our secret to gathering feedback, and how we turn student stories into district-wide change.

By the end of this session, you will walk away with:

The Mission: How we represent student voices in the boardroom

The Method: Our strategy for gathering feedback

The Impact: Examples of student-driven change and how to spark it in your school





Who We are

- **Vision**
To create a space within the Maple Run Unified School District where students actively work to enrich our community.
- **Mission**
The Student Voice Committee will vocalize student perspectives throughout the Maple Run Unified School District, with an equitable, inclusive and adaptive approach.
- **Staff Advisor Role**
Supports the Student Voice Committee by guiding meetings, helping students organize their ideas, and ensuring their work stays focused and productive.



What We Do

- **Attend School Board Meetings**
- **Board Goals**
- **Host Listening Sessions**
- **Collaborate w/ Community Partners**
- **Support Various School Projects**

A word from our superintendent...

“For the past four years, SVC has provided a very valuable voice in creating, implementing, and monitoring Maple Run's goals. Their voices not only determined the goals but also helped lead the creation of our strategic plan and continually brought students' voices forward to monitor whether our actions are enhancing student life and learning.”

- Bill Kimball

How We Gather & Use Feedback

Feedback @ Events

At various school events throughout the community the student voice committee hands out papers to collect data from the community. We ask a mix of qualitative and quantitative data to have a complex mix of individual stories and concrete data.

Listening Sessions

Listening sessions give students a chance to share their school experiences and ideas to help improve our schools. The topic for each Listening Session supports our [MRUSD Goals](#). During the event, participants engaged in several structured activities to explore questions and express their thoughts.

Student Ideas Start Here!

Students can share ideas, concerns, or feedback with SVC to help spark real change in their school.

Impact & Sustainment

Success Stories

1. Change School Start Time
2. Board Goal Projects
3. Equity Policy
4. Recipients of the Human and Civil Rights Award

Recruitment

We strive to create an environment where a representative group of students can work together to make change. When we are recruitin we ask for both teacher and current member recommendations and then go through an interview process.

Collaborative Leadership

1. Indigenous People's day
2. Culture Crew
3. NMC Youth Survey
4. Up For Learning



Thank you for joining us today!

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