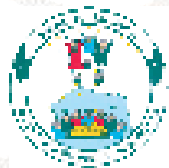




# Youth Leadership Institute

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As a guided exercise, students were asked what a school climate was and how they can improve their schools climate in areas of:

Safety  
Relationships  
Environment  
Teaching and learning  
Engagement

The students would identify what they would like to promote and expand on how it could provide the most impact on a students daily life.

In reflection of the vision, the students discussed what is and is not currently happening within the schools that could improve. In addition, how their experiences could impact their vision and whose voices in their community is not reflected that could be and how they could achieve this perspective.



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Each school's students were asked to plan a community project on school climate and how it can improve to support their peers with a peer and gallery presentation.

Students, over the course of 3 days, were asked what they want youth in their community to:

- Be
- Think
- Feel
- See
- Hear

From each of these sections, the students created a vision and goals then identified resources, activities, and obstacles.





# Youth Leadership









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Boards and students were introduced to agreements where:

- In every chair is a leader
- Speak to be understood, listen to understand
- Valuing each other's time
- Speak with care for others
- Safe space for meaningful conversations

As the students developed their leadership and student voice, they participated in a variety of breakout sessions and icebreakers.

Sessions included:

- Youth on a panel
- Youth on Boards
- Painting and Reflection on Leadership / Social Media/Phone Use Policies
- Dance and Drumming Share Out
- Self-Care for Leaders
- Finding your Future
- Art for Social Change

Other activities were also provided for students like NYO Nights with Nick Hanson and Karaoke. Our Board was able to arrange an activity night with students where we participated in Escape Rooms.





## Roundtable Focus: To elevate student voice and leadership

As the students developed their leadership and voice, they prepared for roundtables with Board members in a variety of breakout sessions and icebreakers. In this exercise, the following questions were considered:

For School Board members to students:

1. What are the biggest successes in your school?
2. What are the biggest issues impacting your school?
3. How can school districts support you to help solve these issues?

For students to School Board members:

1. What are the biggest successes in your school?
2. What are the biggest issues impacting your school?
3. How can students support you to solve these issues?

In reflection, students and School Board members asked for a piece of advice as Board members and current youth leaders.





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Quyanaq for the opportunity!

