

WHY IT MATTERS...

Students deserve to have our voices heard. We are taught to value democracy and fair representation in school, now we are calling on our schools to uphold these values by empowering the voices of students to shape our education. Students - especially black, indigenous, and students of color - must be positioned as authentic partners in the decision making process at every level of education.

1. Build People Power

- Find a team of 3-5 friends who care about the problem
- Host an info session or teach-in to learn more about the issue

2. Who is the decision-maker?

- Is this a local school board; state; or national issue?
- Identify your support and opposition.
- Schedule meetings with your elected officials.

NOTHING ABOUT US, WITHOUT US

4. Evaluate and Debrief

- Step back and reflect; what lessons have you learn? What's next?
- Collective processing & ongoing learning to inform decision-making and strategy

3. Speak Your Truth

- Attend your local board meeting
- Amplify stories during public comment; publish an op-ed
- Organize a petition drop

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- Voting Student Board Member: Every governing body schools must have student representation.
- Ongoing Feedback Cycle: Create and ensure there are multiple opportunities for students to directly share feedback and experiences beyond speaking at school board meetings.
- Accessible board meetings: Schedule board meetings that are easily accessible for students to engage and participate in.

**RAISE
YOUR
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**OUR
TURN**