SUPPORTING YOUTH TO LEAD CHANGE IN SCHOOLS

YOUTH DRIVEN DATA SYSTEMS TO SEE AND FEEL CHANGE

PREPARING ADULTS TO WORK WITH YOUTH LEADERS

2022-2023 LEARNING & ACTION CONVENING TOPICS

YOUTH PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH 1
An introduction

YOUTH PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH 2
A district review of youth leadership

7TH GENERATION PLANNING
What conditions will we create and/or strengthen next year and beyond to foster a culture of Youth of Color voice & leadership?

CHALLENGE

“Nothing about us without us.” (1) Our Road Map region’s student population is 74% students of color. (2) As we reimagine and seek to transform our schools to be humanizing and just places for all, we must build on the dreams and aspirations of our region’s youth, particularly those most underserved in our current system.

WHY IT MATTERS

Our school boards, students, families and communities of color have named youth voice as a top regional priority. (3)

Schools that are viewed by students, particularly Students of Color, as responsive to youth voice, show higher grades and attendance and lower chronic absenteeism. (4)

Schools that have invested in youth leadership initiatives, like student advisories or student councils, show significant improvement in school climate and student drop-out rates. (5)

2022-2023 LEARNING & ACTION CONVENINGS

Last year teams worked on district initiatives while participating in convenings co-designed with our Youth Wisdom Council. Sessions included student panels, district leader panels, and discussion of bright spot practices along with team-time to plan forward. Teams developed student advisory councils and worked to build district capacity for Youth of Color leadership that directly support districts’ strategic plans.

This year we will strengthen our coalition and our sessions to directly support district initiatives. We will wrap initiative work with supportive structures of expert learning sessions, coaching, cross-district thought partnership and continuous improvement.