

elevating

YOUTH OF COLOR VOICE & LEADERSHIP

2023-2024

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)

QUESTIONS? Contact Adam Kay at akay@psesd.org

2023-2024 LEARNING & ACTION CONVENINGS

Last year, teams worked on district initiatives while participating in convenings co-designed with our Youth Wisdom Council. Sessions included panels with student & district leaders and exploration of bright-spot practices, along with team-time to integrate learning and plan forward. Collectively, teams expanded district capacity for Youth of Color leadership that directly supported districts' strategic plans. [Take a look at our end of year review for more information!](#)

This year, we will continue to strengthen our coalition and co-design our sessions with Youth Wisdom Council members and district partners in order to responsively and directly support district initiatives. We will also wrap initiative work with supportive structures of expert learning sessions, coaching, cross-district thought partnership and continuous improvement.

2023-2024 LEARNING & ACTION CONVENING TOPICS

1

COMMUNITY-BUILDING & CO-ESTABLISHING OUR SHARED COMMITMENTS

OCT 25 2023 | 11AM - 1PM

2

FROM LISTENING TO YOUTH TO CHANGING WITH YOUTH

DEC 13 2023 | 11AM - 1PM

3

YOUTH PARTNERSHIP FOR DIVERSIFYING THE TEACHER WORKFORCE

JAN 31 2024 | 11AM - 1PM

4

BUILDING YPAR* INTO SCHOOL CURRICULUM

*YOUTH PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH

FEB 28 2023 | 11AM - 1PM

5

YOUTH LEADERSHIP ON SCHOOL BOARDS & RACIAL EQUITY-FOCUSED ADVISORY COUNCILS

MAR 27 2024 | 11AM - 1PM

6

REFLECTING ON SY23-24 & PLANNING FOR PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUTH LEADERS IN SY24-25

MAY 29 2024 | 11AM - 1PM

