



Freedom School

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- History of Freedom School
- Why Freedom School?
- Structure of Freedom School
- Outcomes

Our Agenda

- Birthed out of the Mississippi Freedom Summer Project of 1964 were Freedom Schools
 - A summer program to provide Black children and teenagers rich reading instruction and to motivate young people to be engaged in their communities and to help them identify problems and design solutions to local problems

History of Freedom School

- The Freedom School movement was reborn under the leadership Marian Wright Edelman
- Under her leadership the first two sights opened their doors in 1995
- In Pittsburgh we have had Freedom Schools since 2002
- 2017 was the first year that we were in two communities

History of Freedom Schools

- Decrease summer learning loss
- Social action component
- Servant Leaders (college students from the community)
- Culturally relevant literature

Why Freedom School?

- Pittsburgh Weil
 - Servant Leaders
 - Afternoon service providers
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 - Extended School Year (ESY) component
 - Afternoon service providers

Structure of Freedom School

- Behavioral improvement
- Leadership skills development
- Student council
- Love for reading
- Wants to incorporate cheers and chants into morning meeting
- Parents feel he is apart of the school community

Freedom School Outcomes: JB's story

- The change in 4-Sight scores of incoming 3rd and 4th graders after implementation of Freedom Schools
 - 3rd grade reading: Decreased below basic students by 16%
 - 3rd grade math: Decreased below basic students by 21%
 - 4th grade reading: Decreased below basic students by 20%
 - 4th grade math: Decreased below basic students by 39%

Freedom School Outcomes: 4-sight data
