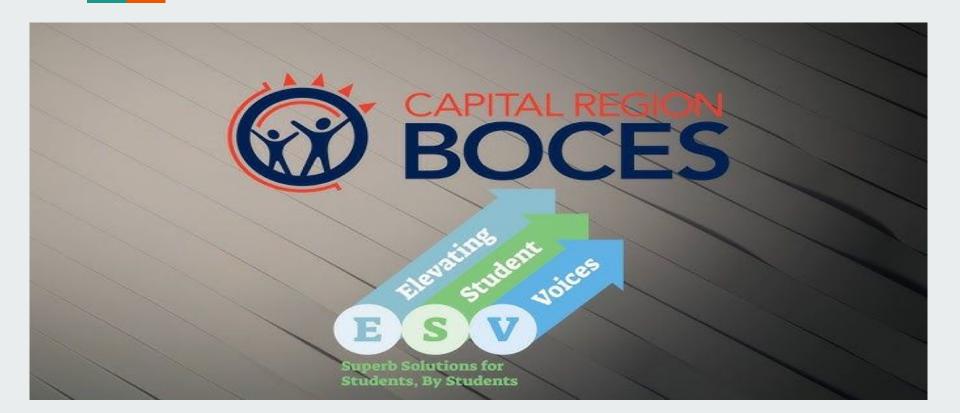
Elevating Student Voices



Introductions

Student Representatives:

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Student Facilitators:

Nicole Fernandez, 12th grade Lillian Steward, 11th grade

Agenda:

- 1. What is Elevating Student Voices (ESV)?
- 2. Purpose of ESV
- 3. Our Concerns
- 4. Accomplishments and Goals



What is Elevating Student Voices (ESV)?

• ESV is a program that offers opportunities for young people across the Capital District to engage in constructive and open conversations about their diverse life experiences in their schools and communities and take a deeper dive into issues that are important to them.

• Student facilitators are trained to lead group discussions with students from different high schools in order to gain insight into what other school districts are doing to actively promote diversity and foster an inclusive environment for all staff and students.

Purpose of Elevating Student Voices

Gather: Come together to discuss important issues such as race, equity, mental health, and general wellness.

Listen: To hear life experiences different from your own. To seek understanding, respect, and appreciation for others.

Build: Build our confidence when discussing all issues. Furthermore, leading these discussions in our communities.

Create: To formulate a plan of action that we can implement in our school to make it a safe and welcoming environment for all. One that listens and learns from all individuals, recognizing that our differences are assets not liabilities.

Celebrate: Celebrate students efforts of embracing diversity whilst creating equitable and affirming school environments.

Things We Are Concerned About in Our Community

- School Culture
- Microaggression
- Bullying
- Hate Speech
- Advocating for Student Supports
- Creating Safe, Inclusive Spaces



Last Year's Accomplishments

- Attended yearlong program at Capital Region BOCES.
- Attended Program Summit at Proctor's Theater with keynote speaker Lt.
 Governor Antonio Delgado.
- Led Faculty Meeting in January.
- Promoted Black History Month.
- Unity Week





ESV Goals for 24-25 School Year

- Share our work with you (SGCSD Board of Education).
- Host Student Circles in our building.
- Share diversity and inclusion-related inspirational quotes with student body.
- Continue Unity Week Celebration in April.
- Promote Multicultural Awareness and Inclusivity (such as Black History and Women's History Months)
- Contribute to Teacher Appreciation Week.



Thank you for listening!

Any questions?