



Superintendent's Youth Council (SYC) 2023/24

The Superintendent's Youth Council school teams held their pitch presentations for Superintendent Lewis, school and central office leadership, and the Board of Trustees at the end of May.

Deepening Skills Empowering Voice

This year's SYC cohort deepened their use of Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) processes to continue their school improvement leadership work launched in the 2023/24 school year.

In October, the SYC teams reflected on their previous school project proposals and successes. They then moved into a topic/needs consensus-building activity to identify needed focus areas to address in the five high schools.

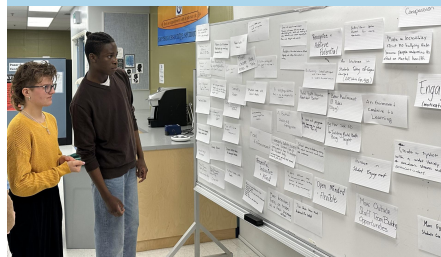
Once the list of topics was established, the SYC teams returned to their schools and hosted focus group sessions and conducted surveys to determine an area of interest to initiate a project for positive change for the betterment of all students.

Data analysis and further research helped each team land on an initiative which they pitched to their principals.

The YPAR process of holding time and space for youth to contribute and to have a voice in decision-making that is grounded in efficacious research is an exciting and interesting practice that will continue in 2024/25.



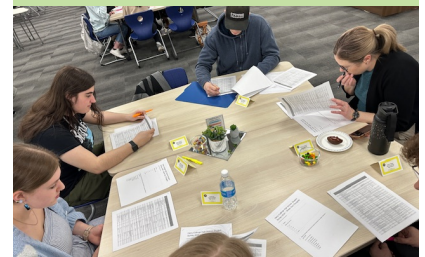
Consensus Building



Researching & Surveying



Data Analysis



Project Presentations



Core Leadership Objectives

Students engage in these leadership and skill-building processes throughout the year:

- Consensus Building Session
- Researching and Surveying Session
- Data Analysis Session
- Project Presentation Session

SYC members earn up to three credits in the Human and Social Services (HSS) area.

