YOUTH ON BOARDS: WHY YOUTH LEADERS MATTER!

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TODAY’S SESSION

1. OVERVIEW OF YOUTH ON BOARDS
2. MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT
3. YOUR ROLE IN MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT
STUDENTS ON SCHOOL BOARDS

In the US: 25 states
In ALASKA: 30 districts

• Student Representatives
• Preferential Voting
• Selection & Role Varies
• Board Bylaw (BB9110)
• Regular Members
• Military Delegate
• Student School Board Member
  • Importance of student representatives
  • Rights of student representatives
  • Preferential voting
WHAT BENEFITS DO YOU SEE IN HAVING A STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD REP?
Positive Youth Development:  
Decision Making  
Motivation to Learn  
Academic achievement  
Decreased risk behaviors  

Adult Benefits:  
commitment & energy  
More effective decision-making  

Insights into what is happening in your district
Welcome students through:

- Orientation
- Understanding of position
- Mentors
- Role at meetings
- Training opportunities
- Logistics help
Chapters

• Preparing your board for youth involvement/Assessment
• Preparing your Board for youth members
• Creating youth positions
• Recruiting and choosing youth representatives/members/Determining responsibilities
• Educating youth mentors/Mentoring youth members
• Logistics of supporting youth involvement
• New youth board member checklist
• For youth board members/Ladder of youth representation
Chapter review activity:
Find a section you want to know more about.
Table Activity

Read your chapters.

In your group, answer these questions:

1. What did you read about? What stood out to you?

2. What new insights are you starting to have (about youth engagement)?

3. What do you want to bring back to your school board or school?
Long-term investment - increase capacity over time
Youth Voice = true partnership
Connect youth and boards to resources
Focus on youth needs
Grow/support structure for youth leadership
RESOURCES

soundout.org

AASB’s Power of Untapped Resources

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