YOUTH ON BOARDS, ENHANCING THE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL!

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TODAY’S SESSION

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

WHY DID YOU BECOME A SCHOOL BOARD REP?

OR

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A SCHOOL BOARD REP?

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

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
STUDENTS ON SCHOOL BOARDS

In the US: 25 states
In ALASKA: 30 districts

- Student Representatives
- Preferential Voting
- Selection & Role Varies
- Board Bylaw (BB9110)
BB 9110: SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERSHIP

- Regular Members
- Military Delegate
- Student School Board Member
  - Importance of student representatives
  - Rights of student representatives
  - Preferential voting
WHAT DO YOU DO AS A SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE?
Welcome students through:

• Orientation
• Position Description
• Mentors
• Student Participation at meetings
• Training
• Logistics help
Long-term investment- increase capacity over time
Youth Voice = true partnership
Connect youth to resources
Focus on youth needs
Grow/support structure for youth leadership
RESOURCES

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AASB’s Power of Untapped Resources

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