



## YOUTH VOICE & ADVOCACY INITIATIVE STRATEGY

Summer 2022

Shared Agreements developed by team: Confirm Understanding - Respect & Restore - Maintain an Inclusive, Trusting & Restorative Environment - High Accountability & High Support

### MCSP CORE VALUES:

- **ADVOCACY** – Empowerment, Disruptors, Equitable Access & Inclusion, Humanizing, Listening, Respect.
- **ACTION** – Collaboration / Teamwork, Innovation, Coaching, Radical Love, Engagement

### MCSP WHY Statement:

*“Milwaukee Community Schools Partnership commits to creating a legacy of impactful and transformative change for youth and families through supportive systems that are grounded in Care and unlock joy by empowering our school communities.”*

YOUTH VOICE INITIATIVE STRATEGY - Document will help guide efforts for Youth Voice Initiative across all participating schools within the Milwaukee Community Schools Partnership.

### Agenda Topics | Notes | Time

<p><b>COMMUNITY SCHOOLS YOUTH COUNCIL – Each Full Implementation Community School will have a CSYC that is led/ facilitated by the CSC with the goal of 1) developing leadership and advocacy skills and 2) supporting school wide transformation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meet 2.0 hours per month   HS</li> <li>● Meet 2x a month   K-5s K-8s</li> <li>● Serve as STUDENT DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Review Student Center data at least 1x a month</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Have Representation from CSYC sit on CSLT w/ updates on agenda</li> <li>● Community Conversations             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Facilitation &amp; Participation</li> </ul> </li> <li>● School Priorities             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Priority Setting process</li> <li>○ Implementing / involvement in priority tracker/ youth action plan – uplifting an identified school priority</li> </ul> </li> <li>● System of communication that connects back to school administration</li> </ul>	<p>Site: Coordinator</p>
<p><b>COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COALITION BUILDING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Connecting with partnering schools leadership teams to share experiences, and best practices.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Facilitation &amp; Participation of Community Conversations</li> </ul> </li> <li>● School Priorities</li> </ul>	<p>Partnership: CSCs + CSYCs</p>

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<p><b>COLLECTIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Community Engaged Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Community Conversations</li> <li>○ Participation &amp; Facilitation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Site + Partnership: CSC, CSYCs, Partnering Organization(s)</p>

<p><b>PARTNERING / SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS – Organizations that support Youth Voice + Advocacy initiatives that can assist and support our CSYCs in leadership skill development.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Marquette University – Transformative Youth Voice</li> <li>● Superintendent Student Advisory Council - MPS</li> <li>● Student Discipline Committee – MPS</li> <li>● Leaders Igniting Transformation</li> <li>● Voces de La Frontera</li> <li>● ACLU</li> <li>● Milwaukee Succeeds</li> <li>● IEL</li> <li>● BLMA</li> <li>● YES</li> <li>● Coalition of Community Schools</li> </ul>	<p>Site + Partnership: CSC, CSYCs, Partnering Organization(s)</p>
<p><b>COALITION BUILDING 22-23 Touchpoints:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FALL – All MCSP Schools convene to kick off our year of engagement for our CSYCs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Target: October 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup></li> <li>○ Themes: Coalition   Collaboration   Organizing   Communication   Self-Efficacy</li> <li>○ Helping students see/identify a problem and understand that you have the ability to MAKE A DIFFERENCE!</li> <li>○ Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Hack-A-Thon Model – Collectively problem solving around a particular issue</li> <li>■ Art Centered Activity – Communicating an issue and collective solution via artistic expression</li> <li>■ Identify MCSP School “CLUSTERS” by similar issues/areas of concern</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● SPRING – All MCSP Schools convene to celebrate our year of engagement for our CSYCs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Target: April 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup></li> <li>○ Themes: Celebratory   Summer Leadership Engagement Opportunities</li> <li>○ Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Keynote Speaker(s) / Panel – who would students like to hear from?</li> <li>■ Celebrations by Cohorts...this cluster was able to accomplish...</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Transportation</li> </ul>	<p>Partnership: CSYCs, Partnering Organization(s)</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Permission Slips</li> <li>○ Authorization by Principal</li> <li>○ Busing</li> <li>○</li> </ul>	
<p><b>POTENTIAL THEMES ....</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Building SELF-EFFICACY</li> <li>● Social Skill Development</li> </ul>	ALL:
<p><b>SHARED ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Developing a shared Youth Action Plan across MCSP schools</li> </ul>	Partnership: CSYCs

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