

## Minister's Student Advisory Council

A group of approximately sixty students from grades 7 to 12 chosen to best reflect the vast diversity of Ontario Students. The Council meets throughout the year (virtual and in person) with each other and with the Minister of Education directly to discuss matters and policies that interest and impact students.

Special Education Needs

Bullying

Disengaged



LGBTQ

FNMI

Student Leadership

Multicultural

Other

Entrepreneurship

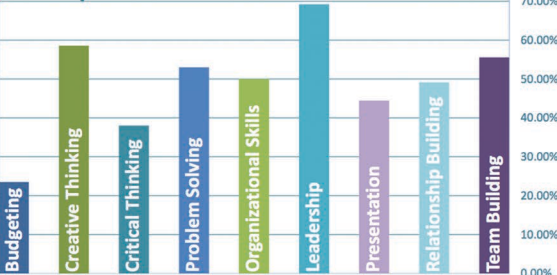
\*LGBTQ :Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Questioning  
FNMI:First Nations, Métis, & Inuit



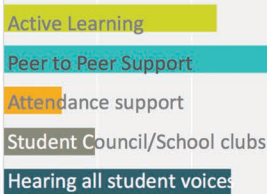
SpeakUp Projects

Provides grants upto \$1,000 to help students lead projects that make a difference in their school.

### Developed Skills:



### Project Focus:



**83%**

Of students said they gained stronger leadership skills

**75%**

Of students said they gained real world experience

Findings from 2012-13 SpeakUp Project Surveys

Student Voice Podcast



Ep3. How to organize a Student Voice Forum With Nicholas Wattenbury

iTunes link



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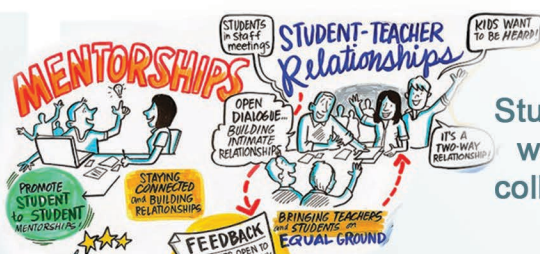
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## Student Voice Podcast

A community for youth and adults. Podcast features young people, like Patrick, Lauren, Nico who will talk about issues and how they took action to address them.

## Get in touch!

Jean Courtney led the Ontario Student Voice Initiative since its launch in 2008 and retired from the Ontario Public Service in 2015. Her current project, Student Voice Podcast and blog, can be found @ [studentvoicepractitioners.com](http://studentvoicepractitioners.com)

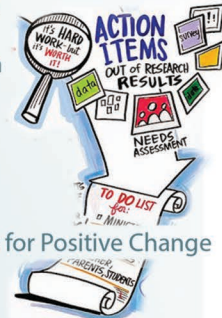


Students and adults work as partners in collaborative inquiry

## StAR Steps

- 1 Develop Research Question
- 2 Design Research Method
- 3 Conduct Ethical Research
- 4 Collect Data
- 5 Analyze Data
- 6 Sharing Research Results for Positive Change

\*Themes from the 2014 StAR Conference in Toronto



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Student Voice Initiative

a student engagement strategy

Students as Researchers

Additional Resources



Free, do-it-yourself forum kit that provides everything students need to run a student-led forum for 30 participants.

contains all necessary supplies as well as step-by-step forum guide and tip sheets for facilitator



SpeakUp In a Box asks:

What does it look like when you are engaged in your learning?  
What holds you back from being engaged?  
What actions can adults/ students take to improve how education looks and feels?

