

D03: Youth Voice in PBIS: A Team Approach for Success

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Thank You

- Sheri Weretka, The School District of Osceola County
- Students, staff and administrators at the high schools in Osceola County
- Debra Pace, The School District of Osceola County, Superintendent
- Celebration High School, Gateway High School, Harmony High School, Liberty High School, Osceola High School, Osceola County School for the Arts, Poinciana High School, St. Cloud High School, and Tohopekaliga High School,

About The School District of Osceola County

Central Florida: Celebration, Kissimmee, St. Cloud, Poinciana, Harmony and Kenansville

K-12: 69,000 students in 60 schools

140 countries represented & 98 languages, 25% of students participate in ESOL programs

91% graduation rate

Roll Out Cohort
2: Add Middle
Schools

**2022-2023
Hurricane Ian*

District Strategic Plan

Roll Out
Cohort 1

Get Schools on Board

**2021-2022 Post
Covid*

Draft Idea: Get Support

Sheri Propose Idea

How Did We Get Here?

Panel

- Betsy Lazega, Florida PBIS Project TA Specialist
- Sheri Weretka, District Coordinator, The School District of Osceola County
- XXXX, Administrator/Adult/Student, XXX High School
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Question 1

- Do you feel students are currently involved in any decision-making at the school level? If yes, can you give an example. If no, are there ways students can be more involved?

Question 2

- Why do you feel student voice is important?

Question 3

- How did you make student voice work? What did you have to do to make it work? (adult)

Question 4

- What is a roadblock/barrier you have encountered?
What suggestions would help to overcome the roadblock?

Question 5

- What have you learned from being part of student voice?

Question 6

- What words of wisdom/suggestions/advice would you give for another school trying to implement student voice?



Questions from the audience



Final Thoughts

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