



# NEWSLETTER

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# **STUDENTS FINDING SOLUTIONS**

**Application Question: What do you consider the most challenging issue that is affecting students in our district?**

## Themes:

- Students being heard/noticed
  - Engagement in class
  - Academic Success pressure/Life Balance
  - Mental Health and Overall Health
  - Resources/Budget Allocations for students
  - Safety/Bathrooms/Smoking/Vaping/Drugs
  - Safety: Harassment/ Bullying
  - Equity and Inclusion

Added by RSVP:

- College Readiness/Course Sequencing
  - Life Skills/Preparation (incl. communication, handling emotions, money finances)

Ideas to improve will be generated by RSVP and shared to high schools and district leadership. Each RSVP member will select a topic and work in groups at the RSVP meetings throughout the year to produce ideas to improve the above challenging issues facing students.

## Poll Taken- Results almost Unanimous

Homework from the November meeting was for students take an informal poll to see if classmates had heard of the VISION 2035 GRADUATE PORTRAIT. Almost unanimous, most RSVP students shared that most students had not heard of the GRADUATE PORTRAIT. They shared that the vast minority who had heard of the GRADUATE PORTRAIT were somehow involved in ASB or other leadership roles.

## **Graduate Portrait- What it looks like in school**

## Future Ready Adult



- Staff would observe students being respectful and understanding of their peers' ideas.
  - Staff encouraging critical thinking, creative problem-solving, and collaboration.
  - Students being able to navigate and solve problems, especially in a group environment.
  - Students ask questions about different fields and careers from experienced professionals
  - See students who are determined and prepared in class. Participate and engage with other students

## Equity & Inclusion Leader

- Being sensitive and caring about cultural differences.
  - Staff getting trained on how to handle issues (whether racial issues or neurodivergency issues)
  - Equity & inclusion based clubs at school.
  - Ensuring there is representation in student government.
  - ASB is having monthly resolutions, where we acknowledge and decide to celebrate national heritage months & hosting events/posting on social media to educate students.