Student Advisory Board Update

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By The SUSD Student Advisory Board
Introduction

- Trex Jones
  - Junior at Arcadia High School
  - President of the Student Advisory Board

- Zack Okun
  - Junior at Desert Mountain High School
  - President-Elect of the Student Advisory Board
Members of SAB

Arcadia - Trex Jones - **President**
Arcadia - Isaac Speyer - **Senator**
Arcadia - Kennedy Johnson
Arcadia - Delaney DeBusk
Arcadia - Merran Garmon
Arcadia - Ryan Spier
Chaparral - Kate Bornstein - **Social Media Director**
Chaparral - Kate McDowell - **Senator**
Chaparral - Joshua (Josh) Fink
Chaparral - Paul Kadavy
Chaparral - Dashram (Dash) Pai
Chaparral - Jacob Mandelbaum
Coronado - Giselle Rojas Guzman - **Senator**
Coronado - Anesha Anderson
Coronado - Ava Rodningen Wilbur
Coronado-TBD

Desert Mountain - Zack Okun - **President-Elect**
Desert Mountain - Gabriela Chen - **Senator**
Desert Mountain - Noel Steinbeck
Desert Mountain - Victoria Hill
Desert Mountain - Julia Gacutan-Yensen
Desert Mountain - Naiyagiselle Bender
Saguaro - Zoe Dailey - **Senator**
Saguaro - Lauren Somerville
Saguaro - Sophia Will
Saguaro - Stella Ranger
Saguaro - Natalie Foster
Saguaro - Ashlyn Beckman
SOL - Haley Holmes - **Senator**
SOL - Rowan Braning
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The Student Advisory Board (SAB) is a group of high school students from each high school in SUSD that come together to problem solve and help shape the overall student experience. Students meet regularly with SUSD District Leadership to collaborate and share current concerns and opportunities for improvement.
SAB Updates

- Thought Exchange
- Class Rank Discussion
- Varsity Tutors Tutoring for SUSD Students
Question:
What are some things you are looking forward to, and what are some things that concern you about this year at school?
Thought Exchange (ending 9/24/21)

183 participants
180 thoughts
3179 ratings

Which school do you attend?

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What grade are you in?

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Looking forward to...

- Graduation and Moving on to College
- School Events (Dances, Pep Rallys)
- Interactions On Campus
- Wearing masks in school
- New Friendships
- Learning New Things and Closing Learning Gaps
- Clubs
- Tutoring and Support
- Field Trips
Thought Exchange (ending 9/24/21)

Concerned about...

- Lack of Drug Education and Awareness
- Lack of Sexual Education and Awareness
- Bullying and Mental Health Not Taken Seriously
- Length of School Day & Homework (busy work)
- High School Parking and Traffic
- Bathroom Cleanliness, Products and restrictions
- Wearing Masks in School
- Incorrect Mask Wearing
- COVID-19 Spread
- Insects on Campus
- Equity in Department Funding
- Preferential Treatment
A recurring concern is Class Rank.
SAB meet with Teaching and Learning District Leadership to share initial feedback.
We plan on surveying students and culminating feedback in regards to proposal of potential changes.
This is something that has been an ongoing discussion item for the past few years and a top priority for SAB this year.
The SAB is currently working on advertising and communicating the message of free tutoring opportunities provided by the school district through Varsity Tutors.
Next Steps for the SAB

- Disaggregate Thought Exchange data by campus and grade level to review with Principals.
- Establish sub-groups in SAB to tackle challenges more specifically.
- Increase our social media presence in order to reach students more directly.
Questions/Comments

Thank you for your time!