



SOARING BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

**Student Voices: Positive Change to Create A
Better School Environment**

TODAY WE WILL....

○ Goals of Workshop:

- Description of media projects and activities Woodrow Wilson High School EducationWorks students completed (truancy/profanity)
 - How the topics were identified; student/staff experiences
- Student voice and impact on the school environment
- Best practices for creating change and a more positive school climate
 - How can you start your own project with your students?



TOPICS OF INTEREST: TRUANCY AND PROFANITY

- The EducationWorks students conducted interviews with students, teachers, school administrators, and community members as part of their media projects focusing on Truancy and the use of Profanity and its impact on the school environment.
- The students and staff also had many guided discussions and participated in a variety of daily activities focused on researching and gathering background information on truancy and the use of profanity.
- Truancy and profanity are not only issues relevant to the school environment but bigger social issues as well that affect the success of students and their ability to build and interact in positive relationships with their peers and other individuals.

PROJECT BASED LEARNING

- Students identify a question/topic/issue that they want to find a solution for, and they work under the guidance of staff to complete a variety of activities and projects in relation to the question/topic/issue they have identified in the span of 6-12 weeks



BREAK DOWN

- Process of selecting topic
- What exactly is a Media Project
- Types of Activities
- Identifying people who can offer information/keys to changing
- How can students individually make an impact
- Getting the word out with Media/Technology, using Media equipment

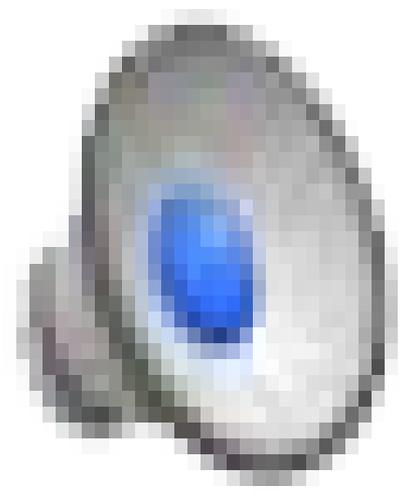


EVALUATION PRACTICES

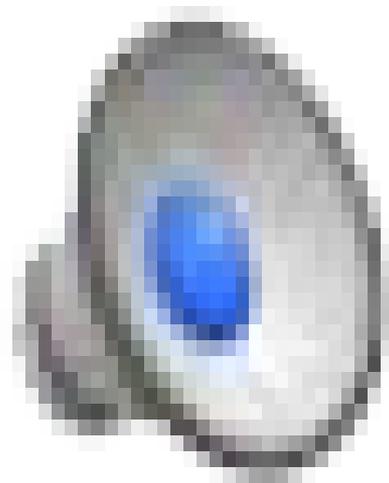
- Action Research
- Interviews
- Focus group discussions
- Videos
- Incentives and Redirection



PROFANITY



TRUANCY



YOU TRY....

- Pick a topic (local school or community issue)
- What's your Question/Problem?
- How can you answer this question?
- How can you get other individuals involved in making a change/finding a solution?
- What little things can you do now to make a change?
- What's the bigger picture?
- Media Connection

