Schools as community centers

Create student-led, school-based, community centers where schools don't only house classrooms for students but are also facilities for student-led community improvement projects *(such as students sponsoring local charity events on campus, or offering tutoring services to their classmates).*

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Objective

Help students take ownership of the spaces that house their education, build a positive campus culture, and provide students with opportunities to create and connect their education to a greater cause

How it works

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Gather a diverse student focus group that will lead the design of the community center programs.

2. Through the focus group, ask what causes your students care about most. Identify charities and local organizations in line with these causes.

3. As a suggested first event, host a fundraiser for one of these local charities and non-profit organizations.

4. Throughout, help students identify funding partners to help offset any costs in hosting school events.

5. Celebrate students taking ownership of their school, by sharing their stories across the school and social media!

Indicators of progress

Student engagement and involvement in school community center programs