National Youth at Risk Conference

The Beacon in Our Journey:  
Next Stop: From Student Voice to Student Action

Monday, March 5, 2017  
1:00 – 2:15

Presenters:  
Mr. Norman Coleman Principal, Francis Scott Key Middle School  
Ms. Beth Hester, Middle Years Programme Coordinator  
Ms. Helen Webster, Staff Development Teacher

Session Outcomes: By the end of the session, the participants will have

- Discussed the connections between cultural proficiency, culturally responsive teaching, equitable practices, and high expectations
- Discussed school-based strategies to increase student service and action
- Heard one school’s journey to reducing the achievement gap

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**Is it possible to reduce the achievement gap simply by implementing effective instructional practices?**  
Francis Scott Key Middle School in Montgomery County Maryland has learned that building the cultural proficiency of teachers goes beyond classroom practices. The school’s Student Voice Project has transformed ideas about instruction by empowering students’ voices and investing in the infinite power of students’ actions.

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Agenda

- Introduction and Outcomes  
  Activator – Placemats  
  Francis Scott Key Middle School – Who Are We?  
  Our Journey towards Cultural Proficiency  
  Activity – Equity Think-Pair-Share  
  Video – Listen to the Silence  
  Video – Faculty Meeting  
  Activity – Trust Generators Corners  
  Student Voice – Our Story  
  Video – Culturally Responsive Teaching  
  Video – Equitable Practices: Effective Feedback  
  Video – Student Voice 2017  
  Student Lessons  
  Video – If You Give a Little Love  
  Activity – Kindness Word Splash  
  Students of Action  
  Video – Kindness PSA  
  Video – Student Voice: From Voice to Action  
  Summarizer – Paired Verbal Fluency  
  Questions and Answers