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2022-23 Focus Group Synthesis for Affinity Groups at AXL Academy

- As part of the School Success Model, we empower our scholars' voices through Focus Groups conducted by our partners at GSN.
- The responses from our scholars are analyzed and trends are identified within the following categories: **Social Emotional Learning, Wishes for the School, Relationships with Adults, Peer Relationships, and Academics.**
- The results are presented over the following slides for each Affinity Group.



Affinity Groups	Social Emotional Learning	Wishes for the School	Relationships with Adults	Peer Relationships	Academics
2nd Grade Multi-Language Learners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand and enjoy Mindfulness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New playground equipment - Mexican candy snacks - Butterfly gardens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trusted adults are present at school - Understand the importance of apologies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bullying can be a problem - Know how to stand up for friends 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enjoy learning about math, reading, and butterflies - Wish teachers would help more with their work
3rd Grade scholars exhibiting assertiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do mindfulness as a class every day - Peace Corner is available for them - Use breathing exercises used when stressed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More Specials classes - Fun activities and time to talk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trusted adults at home or school 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Math and Science are tough subjects - Spoke about stress at school due to testing and math
4th Grade Female scholars of diverse cultures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Breathing exercises are used - Alone time helps with calming down 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More Specials - More bathroom stalls - More lunch time - More after school activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trusted adult are present at school - Teachers should be hard on kids in a good way - don't yell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Avoid holding grudges - Try to work things out on their own - Drama between friends is a problem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drama comes from PE - Reading groups are fun -
5th Grade scholars exhibiting academic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conversations about wellness at 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More lunch, recess, and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adults at lunch/recess help 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drama is a problem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enjoy fun projects - Teachers make



success	the beginning and end of the day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> electives - Couches with desks - 3 days a week of learning - Phones at school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> with drama - Strict teachers can help with school but bad mental health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can solve social problems independently at times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the class comfortable - Do not like being called out for missing homework
6th Grade Male scholars with behavior referrals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feel competent in problem solving skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Being outside more - More recess and electives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trusted adults are present at school - Do not like being called out by teachers - Enjoy teacher personalities & role models 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Friends make school feel good - Group Chats are a problem - Social problems with other age levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prefer group activities and collaboration
7/8th Grade scholar leadership team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bullying issues are better than last year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More time to talk - Structured activities at lunch 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enjoy friends at school - Relationships lead to some problems - Rumors are a problem - Hate speech is a problem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enjoy creative projects - Missing school impacts grades - Socratic seminars lead to new ideas
7/8th Grade new scholars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mindfulness was done sometimes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wish it was a bigger school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teachers give good advice - Teachers are strict because of the way they grew up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - People know each other and are able to solve problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ELA is hard but they like it