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SAVY – Student-led Advocacy for Voices of Youth

At the last SAVY meeting we got pit into groups to brainstorm questions about problem solving for mental health in students and being more welcoming/inclusive to new students or students of a cultural minority.

After talking with our group, we got back together and shared our questions with the entire SAVY committee, which we then pick the best 3 questions for each topic.

Then we formulated one single question that encompassed everyone's thoughts. These questions would then be pit into a google form which then would be sent to every school in BRSD for students to answer to hopefully get a better idea of what needs to be the main focus for change per school and division wide.

The 3 questions:

- 1) Mental Health: Do you feel supported enough in your mental health and, what can we do to help?
- 2) Representation: Do you feel that your identity is adequately represented in your building, why or why not?
- 3) How can we be more inclusive of different identities and what can we do about it? (e.g. different groups, ways to create a welcoming environment for students, etc.)

Whenever we meet next, there will be a recap of what we did last meeting and what's been happening at our individual schools, then continue from there.