

## DISCOVER – Sampling of Estancia High School Student Questionnaire Responses

During the Stories of Learning one-day intensive, filmmaking sessions at Estancia High School, students answered questionnaires as a means to begin thinking about different stories for the day. Some answers from the questionnaires are listed below.

### My favorite kind of classroom environment is...

- Fun one because having fun and learning is the best
- Quiet because I work best on my own
- Outside because I am an outdoor person and I love it
- A little loud because I get anxiety when it is too quiet
- Noisy because it makes everyone more happy and the environment more happy
- Fun because it helps me get in the mood to work
- Close knit because it makes me feel more relaxed
- A free, fun classroom because I don't like strict guidelines
- English class because I get so much out of it and love it
- Abundance of students because everyone has a say and different ideas
- A happy, joyous, free kind because work is done in a happier more understanding way
- P.E. because it's fun
- Not many students because then the teacher listens to me
- Accepting because it's nice to feel accepted and freely express your opinion

### If I could start school over again I would...

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| •Not (too close to finishing)  | -Do more social activities      | - <i>Pay more attention</i> |
| • <b>Do better; study hard</b> | -Go in having more knowledge    | -Read more books            |
| •Change a lot of things        | - <i>Learn from my mistakes</i> | -Do the same                |
| •Enjoy easy kindergarten class | -Be nicer                       |                             |

### These are the most significant moments I experienced as a student

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| • <b>Meeting my best friends</b>                         | - Learning              | - <i>Bullying</i>        |
| •Beginning high school                                   | - Being abused          | - Looking at colleges    |
| • <i>Good teachers who care</i>                          | - Gifted classes        | - Senior year, free year |
| •Winning a drawing contest                               | - Getting into NJHS     | - Happiness              |
| •The feeling of being held back                          | - Relationships         | - Joining FFA            |
| •Bringing my animals to school                           | - Getting a valentine   | - Making honor roll      |
| •Working with Mr. Harbert                                | - Taught by Mr. Jenkins | - Skipping a grade       |
| •Finishing elementary                                    | - Joining a sports team | - Fighting               |
| •Sophomore year  | - Seattle semester      |                          |
| •Learning to not care what people think                  |                         |                          |
| •Seeing kids get bullied; helping them; fighting a bully |                         |                          |

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### If I could learn one thing in school, I would learn...

- Math because I'm not very good at it
- About art because I love art
- How to speak another language because it could be a skill that will help in life
- How to have a better work ethic because I am bad at turning in things
- Creative writing because it is something I would love to see more of
- About law because I want to be in the law profession
- Technology and art because I love drawing and learning more
- Anatomy because I love science about the human body
- How to play the trumpet because that's one on my bucket list
- Math because I want to be an engineer
- Drama because I really wanted a drama class
- Finances because I actually need to know that

### Something that happened or I learned in school that really engaged/concerned/mattered to me was...

- The PARRC testing
- My grade and graduating
- Common Core
- Why I exist
- Having my buddy kill himself
- All the opportunities you can get
- Going to the state cross country meet
- If you don't at least try, you won't go anywhere
- Being bullied and seeing people bullied

### These are the things I love most about school:

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|-------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| • <b><i>Friends</i></b> | - <b><i>Lunch</i></b>                   | - <b><i>Learning</i></b> |
| • <b><i>Sports</i></b>  | - <b><i>Getting out of my house</i></b> | - <i>Art</i>             |
| • Writing               | - <i>Girlfriend/boyfriend</i>           | - FFA                    |
| • Judging teams         | - Laughing                              | -Clubs                   |
| • Teachers              | - <i>Talking</i>                        | -Escaping my problems    |

### These are the things I struggle with most about school:

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| • <i>Math</i>            | - <b><i>Homework/studying</i></b> | - <i>Money for college</i> |
| • Testing                | - <b><i>Good grades</i></b>       | - Bad influences           |
| • Time management        | - <i>Judgmental students</i>      | - Drugs                    |
| • Volunteering           | - Racist jokes                    | - Unfair teachers          |
| • Reading                | - Writing                         | - Being different          |
| • Waiting for graduation | - Choosing a career path          | - Teachers who dislike me  |

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