



Modesto City Schools  
**LCAP Feedback**  
**Enochs Black Student Union**  
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**What classes do you enjoy the most and why?**

- Teachers value students opinion
- Teachers encourage student discussion rather than just lecture; Students want to feel valued and want meaningful participation
- Teachers develop a relationship with students

**Do you feel your school offers a safe learning environment?**

- Students are afraid to report bullying as they are seen as a “snitch”
- Teachers don’t always step in and correct bullying behavior so students believe it is okay to bully since they can get “away with it”
- Point Break is helpful for 9<sup>th</sup> graders but it needs to be repeated when students are 11<sup>th</sup> graders
- “Care Center” does not treat all students equally

**How can a school help a struggling student?**

- Many felt the message they are given is, “School is about passing and not learning.”
- Teachers need to inform students and parents when a student is failing; often they find out too late
- There needs to be a system that allows for a student to “climb out of the hole” when they are failing; once you are failing a class, there is no motivation to make up work or study because it is impossible to pass.
- Provide more specialized assistance in the afterschool Tutoring Center...currently the adults working there are unable to help with all the homework since they don’t know how to do it.

**What could we do to improve school for students?**

- Better communication with students; for example, send texts to students’ phone to inform them about upcoming events.
- Send texts about tardy sweeps
- Counselors need to be more available to students
  - Only job is to work on schedules rather than help students figure out how to work through academic problems
  - Counselors talk to them when it is too late to assist with a problem or to make a schedule change
  - Not available before or after school; difficult to see a counselor
- About 50% of the student group have parents that do not know how to use Power School; Most teacher do not call parents when student is failing.
- Provide more funds to assist clubs with activities.