

# MIDDLE SCHOOL REDESIGN – STUDENT AGENCY

## Transition to 6th Grade

- Continue and expand transition to 6th grade programs such as Where Everyone Belongs (WEB) program
- Provide specific activities/lessons to students in 6th grade to support transition
- Provide professional development for teacher facilitators
- Continue visits for 5th grade students to middle schools
- Host parent information nights on middle school transition
- Articulate with 5th grade teachers at feeder schools

## Weekly Advisory

- Configure schedule to provide time for weekly advisory period
- Establish small advisory groups to form strong connections between students and teacher advisors
- Provide direct support for students in developing their agency

## Student Agency Programming

- Identify and implement school-wide programs to address student agency (i.e. LEAD, AVID, IB)
- Provide professional development for teachers and leaders
- Evaluate student agency programs for impact on student achievement and closing the achievement gap

## Extra-curricular Activities

- Review exploratory offerings regularly to ensure student interests are being accommodated.
- Examine extra-curricular offerings across school sites
- Communicate opportunities to students and families
- Explore leadership, STEM, and academic competition opportunities

## Transition to High School

- Coordinate efforts with Tempe Union High School District and high schools to support student registration, school visits, course selection, and support systems, if needed
- Provide specific lessons and activities to students in 8th grade to support transition
- Articulate with high school teachers at feeder schools