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## Students in Providence discuss making education more meaningful

PROVIDENCE — More than 100 students gathered at the Providence Career and Technical Academy on Wednesday to discuss how to make education more meaningful, from changing the curriculum to expanding the arts.

The event was organized by the Providence Youth Caucus. Community members were also invited to participate in a wide-ranging conversation about issues of importance to students. Throughout the forum, participants were encouraged to share their thoughts on Twitter and Instagram.

Young Voices and the Providence Student Union partnered with other youth organizations to launch the Providence Youth Caucus (PYC) in January 2015. This coalition unites diverse youth from after-school programs such as H2O, New Urban Arts, Rhode Island Urban Debate League, Youth in Action, and more to push for citywide education changes like restorative practices and personalized learning.



Gilberto Graves, a freshman at the Juanita Sanchez Educational Complex in Providence, leads a discussion on issues of importance to students Wednesday at the Providence Career and Technical Academy. The Providence Journal/Glenn Osmundson

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