Feedback from Ottawa Catholic School Board/Keep the Promise Regional Student Summit Ottawa, Canada April 27, 2016

(43 students /11 teachers 52 forms submitted)

1. I found the summit overall to be a positive learning experience					
Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree		
40	11	1	0		
2. The amount of time you had for each activity was appropriate					
Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree		
22	29	6	1		

COMMENTS:

- More time Art Activity (2)
- More time for "If I were Prime Minister"(2)
- Play too long (1)
- Give afternoon activities more time (2)
- More time for consensus activity (1)

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3.Your "VOICE" was heard throughout the summit					
Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree		
19	28	3	1		
4. The summit made me feel like I could make a difference					
Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree		
37	12	2	1		

5. Overall what part of the summit had the greatest impact on you and why?

- The Play (26)
 - o "it made it real",
 - "I could see the impact more"
 - o "Showed we need to help and it is something important to me",
 - o "It shows that poverty comes from different places", "It expressed what children were going through"
 - "It showed poverty through the eyes of children" poverty is unspoken"
 - "Showed me that kids in Canada can't afford stuff for what they need to survive" "
 - o "It showed me what people had to do to get through life the hard way"
 - o "because I could see the other types of child poverty",
 - "Thought provoking"
 - "was powerful and well done"
 - o "It has the greatest impact because some of it happened in my life"
 - o "Excellent"
 - "my eyes to how I wanted to find solution"
 - o "inspiring message"
 - o "put things in perspective"

- The Art & Craft activity (4)
- Reading real life stories teacher panel (4)
 - o "I could hear what people were going through,
 - o "had a powerful effect on me and it was really powerful information"
- **Table Talk** (8)
 - o "to talk about issues around poverty"
 - o "because I realize how much people need us"
 - o "because we talked more and made a change"
- The Consensus Activity (2)
 - o "we were trying to come up with our own ideas"
 - o "because it was about what we can do"
- "If I were Prime Minister (2),"
 - o "because I felt like I had the power to change my country"
 - o "Because it got me thinking about what if college or university were free?
- "Another Day in Paradise" -song

Individual comments:

- "Hearing other ideas to help the world"
- "To see the difference of life we want to get and we want others to get"
- "Talk to people about how I can make a difference and to tell people about the five things we talked about"
- "Learning about what is happening around the world"
- "The part where for each problem in child poverty, our voices can be heard for our ideas"
- "How much this was going on and for how long"
- "I had the greatest impact to the poverished"
- "Learning how people in poverty feel!"
- This was very helpful so I can make a difference in other peoples lives"
- "Meeting mew people and making new friends"
- Everything because it was amazing"
- All
- "Not Sure?"

6. If you could suggest one program change, what would it be?

- BLANK (7)
- "Wouldn't change anything" (17)

Individual comments:

- "Add more student activities to day"
- "More real life examples"
- "Have older students"
- "The program to be more diverse"
- "More on being Prime Minister, have more Prime Ministers to talk"
- "Having the Prime Minister attend"
- "Shorter play"

- "Give everyone a chance to speak"
- "More transition time"
- "Homeless club that provides food, shelter and clothes"
- "Suggest having a job first so you can get enough money for many other things in the future"
- "Contribute taxes to poverty"
- "Open it up to grade 6's"
- "Less time discussing the play at the different tables"
- "More time for table talk"
- "Make the day longer, some activities felt rushed"
- "Guest speaker from a child poverty advocacy group"(2)
- "Fitting the Art activity at the end of the day may not have been realistic"
- "Have a speaker who experience poverty first hand"
- "Let teachers pick their topic at their desk"
- "More time to discuss with our own school"
- "Maybe clean water?"

7. When you go home what will be the first thing you will talk about?

- Blank (2)
- "The Play" (6)
- Fun (8)
- "Poverty" (2)
- "How we can stop child poverty" (3)
- "The whole/entire summit"(3)
- "My experience, How much I learned, everything I have learned today" (6)

Individual Comments:

- "Everyone has a voice"
- "Student voice in every group"
- "The five topics we spoke about today"
- "We need to Keep the Promise"
- "I had a good time"
- "How to make a difference, make a change together "(6)
- "Amazing work we have done today"
- "I will tell my family about what I learned and what impacted me"
- "Is that there are way more people than you think that don't have food, homes and money"
- "We really need to do something and Keep the Promise"
- "Ideas generated by kids"
- "How fun it was and it looked like we were at a meeting because of the folders"
- "The importance of poverty in my own community impact and what I can do"
- "When we get back to school we'd like to do a funding drive food clothing to donate to Shepherd's of Good Hope and Women's Shelter"
- "The engagement shown by my students"

"What we can do at our school

8. Other Comments:

- Blank (30)
- "Thank you" (2)

Individual comments:

- "Will keep the conversation going"
- "I like how Danny King show was the best!"
- "I enjoyed myself and would love to come back."
- "I loved learning about the problems going on in Canada"
- "Kids have a voice and that we need to use and if we do we can make lives better."
- "To learn about more provinces and countries included"
- "Poverty is a big deal!"
- "Overall, I disagree with this summit"
- "I liked it"
- "Keep up the great work"
- "This was an awesome experience, you were awesome!"
- "I *loved* it soooo much...."
- "Thank you for an inspiring day"
- "I hope this summit continues in future years."
- "Thank you for all your hard work and giving our students a voice"
- "The pizza was awesome... get it from the same place. Maybe if possible get more people next time."
- "Thank you for making me see and learn and make a change."
- "I loved this day and hope it will be shared with others."
- "I think this summit was great, thank you."