Project Name: Black Lives Matter (BLM)

Big Idea: Reduce Inequalities in our community

Essential Question: How is our community unsafe for people of colour?


School/Organization Name: Ridgemont High School

Location (City, State/Province, and Country): Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Engage:

What challenge does your project address?
Why did your team select this topic or challenge?
How is it a real world problem or concern?
What challenge does your project address?

Reducing inequalities in our community is the challenge that our project addresses. Some of these inequalities in our community may include, Gender Inequality, Wage Inequality, Health Care etc. The Inequality that we chose was Racial Discrimination, Black Lives Matter (BLM). Racial Discrimination is the discrimination against a group of people based on their race/ ethnic group.
Why did your team select this topic or challenge?

We chose this challenge because racial discrimination is rapidly increasing in many parts of the world. Not many people are talking about racial discrimination or taking any action against it so we decided that we will.

Racial Discrimination is a big issue and should be talked about more. We all want to do something that could possibly help to reduce racial discrimination or even just spread awareness about it.
Racial Discrimination is a real world problem as it’s occurring in many different areas around the globe. From the horrible incident of George Floyd to racism in India regarding light and dark tone race. It’s not that racism only happens in countries like United States or Canada, it’s an issue in many other countries outside North America. From wage inequality to service inequality all around Asia and Europe. We need to get together and put an end to Racism as a community, not just in Ottawa or even Canada, around the whole world.
Investigation:

Through text and images, tell us the story of what your team learned and discovered as part of your investigations.

Do police get training to cooperate with people of colour? Have our community members faced a discrimination in the past or currently are? Do students feel discrimination in our school?
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We tried contacting our local police station. We also tried to contact the spokesperson, but we got no response from either one of them. But we did some research and found that after George Floyd police officers that have shown signs of racism have to get extra training.
Have our community members faced a discrimination in the past or currently are?

People all around Ontario are still experiencing racism and I've decided to find a case of racism.

She was walking down a street in Arnprior, Ont. It was 2012. She was pregnant. Suddenly, a vehicle pulled up and she was soaked. They threw a slushie at me and called me the N-word and told me to get out of their town, said 32-year-old Ro Nwosu. I remember cramping up and not being able to move and having to talk myself out of panicking even more because of the baby.
Do students feel discrimination in our school?

We sent out a google form asking people if they have experience with racism in our school and if they would like to share their story, sadly we got next to no responses. So I have done some research into our school and found that there is almost no racism/hate crimes happening in our school. And the school is a no tolerance school. If you are caught being racist you are going to be suspended or could even be expelled depending on the situation.
Action:

Through text and images tell us about your team’s solution concept for the challenge you identified and what actions has your team taken so far to address this challenge.

Include related outputs that showcase your creative use of technology to address the challenge. This might include things like podcasts, digital games, apps, data visualizations, interactive maps, or something else. Show us what’s possible!
For our action, we chose to make a podcast. The podcast was 12 minutes long and we all participated in it. We will share this podcast to the black union and hopefully get some sort of positive response back. We have also posted the podcast on soundcloud. On soundcloud, we haven’t got anyone to listen to our podcast yet but we will keep track of the podcast every once in a while.
Thank you for listening to what we have to say and showing care about this situation

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