WE ASKED STUDENTS TO SPEAKUP AND HERE'S WHAT THEY SAID:

A school that engages students and ensures all voices are heard would:

1. **Have activities outside the classroom**
   Based on students' interests, there should be a variety of activities available to include youth leadership, peer support and academic support.

2. **Help students learn life skills**
   There should be strategies in place to help student learn skills, such as leadership, teamwork and communication skills.

3. **Offer a socially inclusive environment**
   A learning environment that is socially inclusive would give students opportunities to talk about issues such as bullying, racism, diversity and inclusivity.

4. **Be an academically inclusive environment**
   In a learning environment that is academically inclusive, teachers understand individual student needs and learning styles.

5. **Empower students to speak their mind**
   Build on the Student Voice initiative to ensure that all students feel welcome and empowered in their schools.

6. **Allow students to give feedback on learning experiences**
   For example, gather ideas on the most effective ways to incorporate Smartboards in classrooms.

7. **Keep students informed**
   Consult with students and inform them on decisions that impact their educational experience.

8. **Give a high-quality education**
   Ensure students' experience of education is equitable wherever they live in Ontario. For example this could mean students have the same curriculum, classroom materials.

9. **Encourage eco-friendly practices**
   Ensure and encourage eco-friendly practices in schools and classrooms.
   For example, composting, recycling, green roofs and healthier food options.