

# Team **YOLO**

## **Y**outh **O**vercoming **L**ife **O**bstacles

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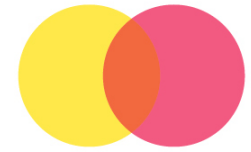


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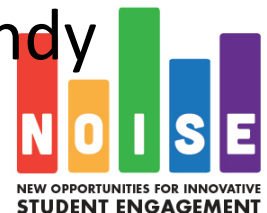
# Social Action Project

## Revitalizing Emery C.I.

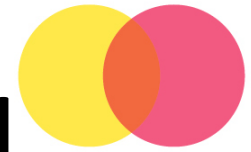


- Making Emery a more enjoyable place to learn in would have a positive effect on the lives of its students and community members.
- Replacing computers in the school would be a way to make students feel more valued.
- In order to raise the money to replace old computers, we decided to have a candy sale.

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# What issue(s) from the Toronto Vital



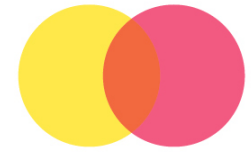
## Signs did your project address?

### Learning

### Gap Between Rich and Poor

- We began by examining the gap between the rich and the poor and how this is so glaringly visible within a publicly funded school system.
- There were many discussions about why the school was in such a state of disrepair.
- According to the Fraser report, almost half of Emery students are not passing Ontario standardized tests. If many families are living in poverty, youth don't have access to internet and computers for homework so there is a clear cumulative effect on testing.
- Many times, it was interpreted that adults don't care about students and that we are not valuable.

# Why is your project important and what did you accomplish?

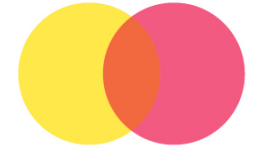


- Having proper technology at school is important for youth to do well.
- We accomplished successful fundraising and raised \$240 that will be put towards improvements.
- We learned to communicate effectively as a team towards an issue we all agree upon.

*“... providing a space where Emery students could openly discuss what they would like to change within their school community is beneficial and similarly allowing York students to work collaboratively within the larger community” – Kathryn*



# What did your pod learn about social justice and change?



- There are a bunch of social justice issues inside schools themselves, and we don't just have to look at the broader society for issues.
- Technology is an issue. If there is not adequate technology, it impacts the education of youth.
- Social Justice work on a grass roots level is a lot of work and it was really made possible by everyone contributing.
- We learned that anyone, no matter their age have the ability to create meaningful social change. It's not only for adults!

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**Thank You!**

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