



## 2023 MSAN Student Conference Pre-Conference Required Materials and Guiding Questions

As you read, watch, and listen, reflect on the following guiding questions below each item and discuss your thoughts with your team.

No written response is needed unless your team decides to do so.

- A. Please listen to this podcast: [Increasing Belonging and Engagement at Avon High School](#) (18 min) and think about the following questions:
  - a. How did the clubs the students started create a sense of belonging?
  - b. How did this help with engagement?
  - c. What projects that students did through their clubs do you have at your own school?
  - d. What projects could you implement?
  
- B. Please read: [Creating a Sense of Belonging](#) and think about the following questions:
  - a. What is needed for young folks to feel that they belong in a space?
  - b. What causes people to feel as though they don't belong?
  - c. Of the key components of belonging, which ones do you feel are the most important? Why?
  
- C. Please watch [Where is Home? Where do you belong?](#) (5 min) and think about the following questions:
  - a. Where is home?
  - b. Where do you belong?
  - c. How have you helped others feel that they belong?
  
- D. Please read [Why is it important to feel a sense of belonging?](#) And think about the following questions:
  - a. What are the benefits of belonging?
  - b. What are the consequences of not feeling a sense of belonging?
  - c. In schools, what can teachers do to create belonging?
  - d. What can students do?