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**What makes you
think you belong
here?**

Introductions

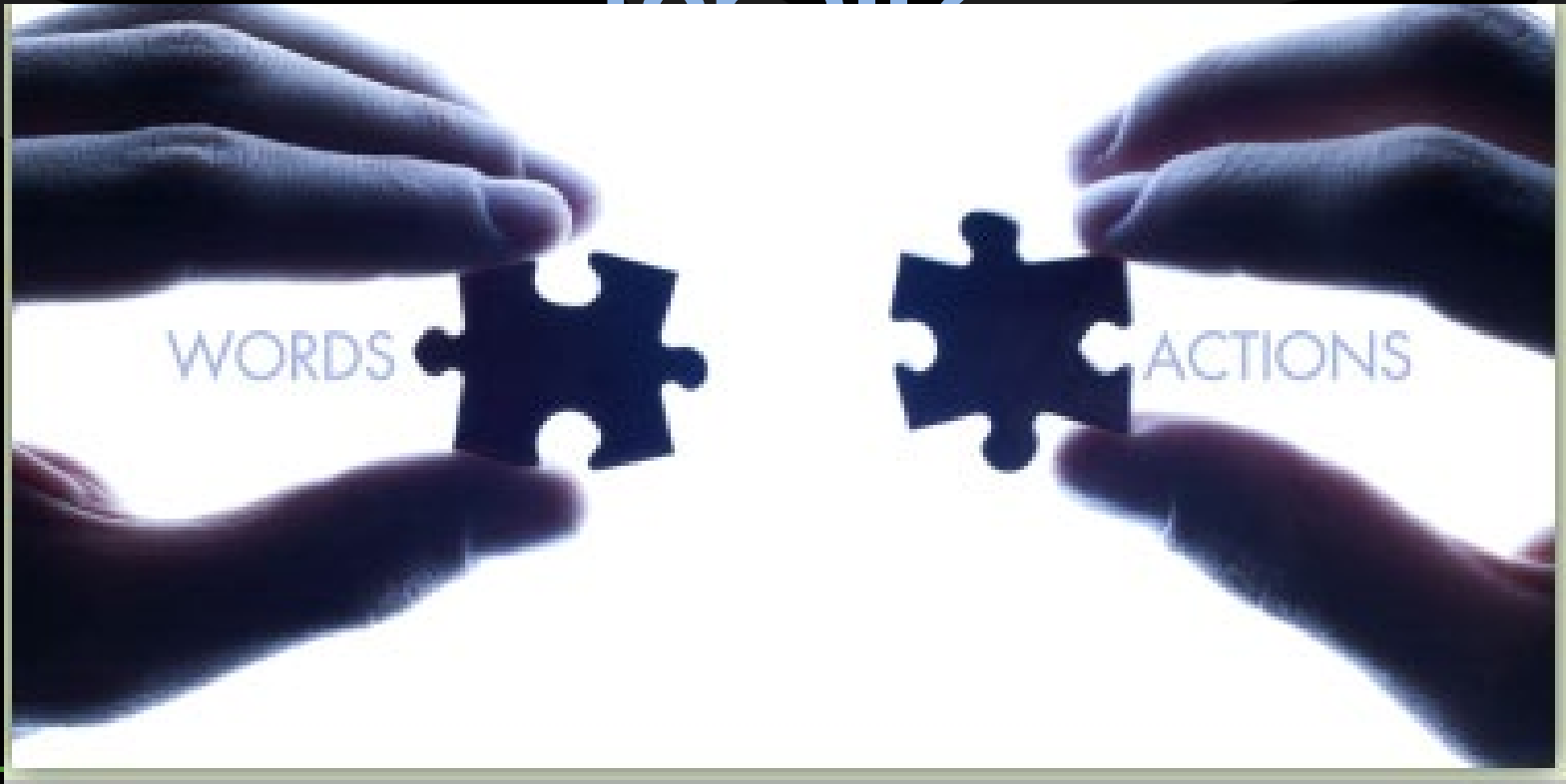
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We have to belong to ourselves as much as we need to belong to others. Any belonging that asks us to betray ourselves is not true belonging.

WHAT ARE STUDENTS SAYING?

New Qualtrics research shows that high school students in the U.S. are struggling to feel a sense of belonging at school, with just 49% saying they feel like they are part of their school community. The pandemic has taken a toll on student well-being as well as their sense of belonging, and 41% of high school students say the events of the past two years made them feel less

How can our words, what we say we VALUE, turn into ACTIONS...that result in a positive learning experience for all?



Vulnerability...

Vulnerability is the birthplace of love, belonging, joy courage, empathy, and creativity."

Brené Brown describes vulnerability as "uncertainty, risk, and emotional exposure. It's that unstable feeling we get when we step out of our comfort zone or do something that forces us to loosen control."

Where I'm From...

**...WHERE ARE YOU
FROM?**

**Where I'm From Poem -
Handout.**

Bridging the gaps...

Hello

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3AQ7yC5jQ28>

The background features a dark grey silhouette of a graduation cap (mortarboard) being held by two hands. The hands are positioned as if supporting the cap from underneath. The overall color scheme is dark with white text and a thin green horizontal line at the top and bottom.

**STUDENT EQUITY
COUNCIL
COURAGEOUS
CONVERSATIONS**

Stuck on an Escalator

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kq65aAYCH0w&t=2s>

Thank You!!

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**Embracing
Diversity
Advancing
Equity**

