



My Trip to the California School Board Association Conference

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The Conference

- We had opportunities to work with student board members from all over California (the ones who were there were from Modesto, Sacramento, and Pittsburg HS and Black Diamond HS)
- We discussed strategies about how to put our ideas into action
- We listened to guest speakers who were previous board members



Takeaways

1 | How to communicate clearly:

- Actively listen to others
- Be clear about my ideas
- Do not be afraid to make decisions or mistakes

2 | Reflected on Character Strengths

Important character strengths I believe in:

- **Believing in myself** (I have the skills to be a leader)
- **Love of learning** (openness to learn new things)

3 | Be Brave

- I was nervous, but putting myself in uncomfortable situations is helping me grow
- I am learning that I enjoy the opportunity to grow and challenge myself

Disney Leadership Academy

- It was my first time going to Disneyland (and my mom's!)
- Learned about Walt Disney had a dream to make a happy space for families
- Learned how to turn your dreams into reality
- "You can design and create and build the most wonderful place in the world. But it takes people to make the dream a reality."
 - Walt Disney



Thank you!

