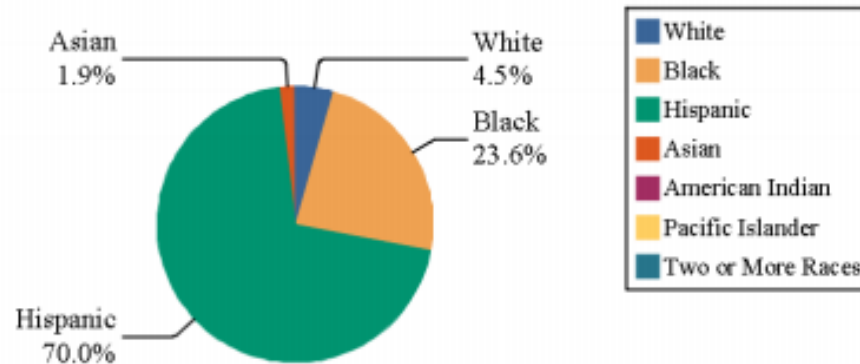




# Demographics

- Approximately 1600 students
- 70% Hispanic



# Service Learning Requirements

- New Jersey Town Schools requires 60 hours of service learning to graduate
- "...promote social awareness, social responsibility and career development." (School Mission New Jersey Town Public Schools)

# Issue

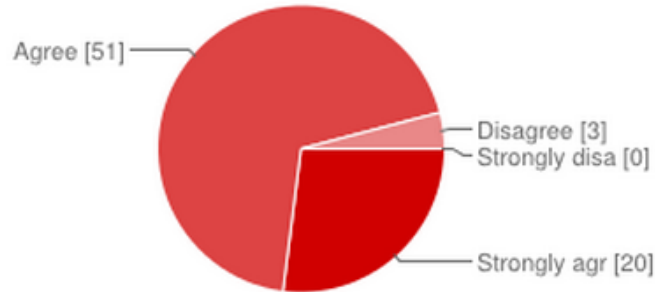
- Teachers voiced concerns
- Students voiced concerns
- *How is service learning preparing students to become active and engaged citizens?*

# Study

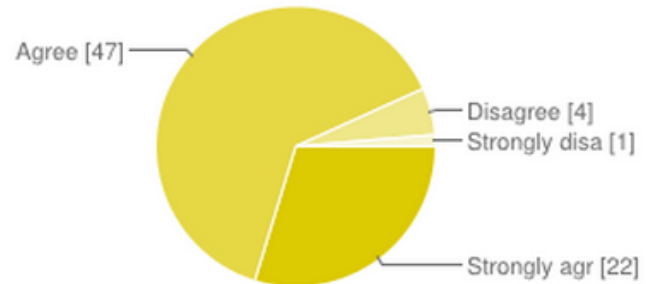
## Survey 1: What We Learned

- Results did not correlate with anecdotal concerns

I know what it means to be a responsible citizen.



I know why I am doing community service.



We needed to dig deeper...



# Study

## Survey 2: What We Learned

- 69% occurred within school or with friends
- Students understood concept of citizenship
- Students couldn't articulate how service learning helped them understand citizenship
- Students felt disconnected and marginalized





# Focus

*How can we, at ABC Academy create service learning opportunities that engage students in authentic citizenship experiences to become competent, global citizens?*

# Our Plan

## **Service Learning Advisory Committee**

- Cross departmental participation
- Research opportunities outside of school
- Partnership with universities and organizations for help with assessments and funding

## **Service Learning Coordinator Appointment**

# Goals

- Design, create and implement rubrics
  - 75% engagement in community organizations
  - Form partnerships with other schools
  - Develop global relationships
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- Develop Project Based Learning Curriculum