What Students are Saying About "Voice" and "Choice"

Student perspectives on mastery-based learning

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"[Having choices about how and what I learn] helps me become more responsible for my education [and] makes me independent. I believe this process will get me ready for university and career."
~Sean, 10th Grade, High School in the Community

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"The most exciting thing about how I learn at school is being able to have a say in how I learn and being able to connect my learning to things outside of the classroom."

"[Having choices about how and what I learn] makes me feel more responsible and trusted because it's such a big part of my life…being able to make choices makes me appreciate learning more."
~Shania, 12th Grade, High School in the Community

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"Not every student is the same. 'Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole live believing that it is stupid. (Albert Einstein)'"
~Thomas, 8th Grade, Windsor Locks Middle School

"I like that we get the opportunity to be creative in how we show mastery of certain standards and that we are able to use our imaginative brains."
~Addison, 5th Grade, South Elementary School

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"**[Having choices about how and what I learn is important] because if we don't self-advocate, we can't get better at the standard.**"
~Lindsay, 5th Grade, South Elementary School

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"It is important to have a voice because it lets you create more opportunities to get your ideas out there. Having a choice allows kids to choose something that interests them the most and that keeps kids interested and involved with their learning more." ~Josh, 8th Grade, Windsor Locks Middle School

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