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## Louisiana's Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) Make it to Final Round of Invent2Prevent Competition in D.C.

**January 19, 2023** - The Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC), a group of high school students who come together to represent the voices of young people in Louisiana, are finalists in the Invent2Prevent competition. Invent2Prevent is a national contest to empower students to create projects that seek to identify new, whole-of-society approaches to prevent targeted violence, hate, and terrorism. From the eighteen high-school-aged participating teams, the top three teams were chosen by the US Department of Homeland Security, Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3). Invent2Prevent's Fall 2022 finalists include the Louisiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council, Pompano Beach High School (Florida), and Burlington Township High School (New Jersey). Five students representing each of these finalists will compete in Washington, D.C. on January 25, 2023, for an overall winner and awards.

LYAC's project for the competition is "Let's Talk", a series of question cards created to counter the social isolation effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Let's Talk is designed to help kids talk about themselves and the problems they face in a safe environment. LYAC's goal with the Let's Talk game is to facilitate conversations while building friendships and connections among 4th and 5th graders.

For more information on LYAC, you can visit Louisiana's Civic Education site at [house.louisiana.gov/civiced](https://house.louisiana.gov/civiced), and to find out more about the Invent2Prevent competition, you can visit McCain Institute's site at [mccaininstitute.org](https://mccaininstitute.org).

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