# BLINDSPOT COLLECTIVE PRESENTS

# DANNY'S STORY
## A NEW PLAY FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

In December, 2019 Blindspot Collective brought "Danny's Story" to schools throughout San Diego County, giving students an opportunity to learn about transgender identities, bullying prevention, and how to be an upstander.

We collaborated with 12 schools, 4 of which were Title I schools, serving over 650 students in pre-show workshops, and over 1,250 students during performances; most students were in grades 9-12, although one group of 6-8th graders in local GSA groups also participated. Students were given a post-show survey where we collected the following data:

- 91% of respondents expressed that they learned something from watching Danny's Story.
- 95% of respondents expressed that they have a better understanding of the experiences of people who are trans and/or nonbinary after seeing the show.
- 93% of respondents felt that after seeing the show they would be a better ally and are more likely to stand up for people in the LGBTQ+ community.
- 95% of respondents felt that they now know what they can do to report or intervene when they witness bullying or other forms of prejudice and intimidation at their school.

## SCHOOL RESPONSES

"Thank you for bringing this show to our school! It brought up questions about how we help students discover their identity (regardless of gender) and how we as adults create safe and caring environments to allow this discovery to take place. The ensemble was very engaging and related well to the students in the audience." - Vice Principal

"I saw one of my students use their chosen pronouns for the first time during the role play, and it made me tear up!" - Teacher

FLIP THE SCRIPT

**EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO CHANGE THE STORY THROUGH STORYTELLING & FORUM THEATRE**

# STUDENT RESPONSES

"I understand what Danny is going through because I went through the entire situation. I actually started to tear up because I know what he is going through."

"If someone asks you what's wrong and you might want to tell them, it is really important that you tell them, especially if it's hard."

"Sometimes we see that something's wrong but deep down we don't really care because we don't do anything. But maybe that should be different."

"It's just so scary. I'm not trans but I can only imagine how scary it would be for someone who is to be put on the spot like that."

"I really enjoyed how realistic 'Danny's Story' was. It seemed like I was actually there and I like that I could change how the situation went."

"I never really thought that anyone of the LGBTQ+ community would go through really tough situations like that. It opened my eyes."

"It made me change my opinion of someone in my class who I previously thought of poorly for how they behaved, but now I realize that I don't know enough about them and their life to make that decision about them as a person."