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Students to Address Mayoral Candidates

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Dozens of high school students said they're ready for political change in Fresno and just want their voice to be heard.

The students camped out at "Our Saviour's Lutheran Church" on Sunday night to get ready for a mayoral forum on Monday.

"Four high schools on California's 'Top 5 Drop Out Schools' are right here in the valley," said Vincent Villanueva, a youth leader.

Members state they are facing major issues and want to find out which candidate has answers.

"We see education as a big factor and want to change it here. Violence has gone to the extreme on campuses, you saw what happened less than a month ago at Roosevelt High School," said Villanueva.

Villanueva also said the children in his youth group complain of lack of supplies and quality of education.

The youth group filled out surveys on how they view the valley. They expect nine of the eleven mayoral candidates to attend their forum on Monday to address problems facing students in Fresno. The forum is sponsored by FIC, Faith in Community.

The forum will be at "Our Saviour's Lutheran Church" at 2101 N. Fruit Avenue at 6:30pm.

About 50 students are planning to attend.