

## I AM Poem by CODY-DIT Youth Ambassador Leaders

Youth Ambassadors are leaders.  
YAs wonder why it's so hard to make a change?  
YAs hear 'sirens' in our hallways...  
YAs see barricades- they tell us yes, tell us no...  
YAs want diversity, difference, innovation, transformation!  
YAs are the student voice.

Youth Ambassadors pretend we can handle it all.  
YAs feel youth should have a REAL voice!  
YAs touch the hearts and minds of others. ---  
YAs worry about not filling a role that you think we should...  
YAs cry about the pressure and the lack of acknowledgement.  
YAs are just like everybody else-we are human too.

Youth Ambassadors understand the importance of positive change.  
YAs say we want make a change/make a difference/make a difference in others' lives/our voice  
can make a difference--  
YAs dream of a world where youth voice is more valued and we are acknowledged  
YAs try to realize their part --?  
YAs hope they inspire and have great influence on other youth--?  
YAs are the future! All say as one whole group