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EdVoices

Background and Application, 2017-18

EDVOICES

At EdAllies, we believe that to reimagine what is possible in schools—and ultimately improve outcomes for students—we need a new conversation on public education, complete with fresh ideas, candid reflections, and the voices of those who are most impacted.

The newly launched EdVoices program seeks to help foster this conversation right here in Minnesota. During the 2017-18 school year, up to six EdVoices contributors will share their perspectives on education challenges and solutions. We hope to spark a dialogue on multiple platforms, and will welcome contributions including:

- Blog posts to be featured on our website;
- Videos to be shared on our website and social media;
- Opinion pieces to be placed in local or national media publications; and
- Visual or other art forms, such as poetry, infographics, comic strips, or music.

EdAllies will support contributors through brainstorming, feedback, and distribution—and provide a stipend of \$100 per contribution, for a total of up to four per contributor.

THE IDEAL CONTRIBUTOR

- Shares our vision of a Minnesota where every student succeeds in a rigorous and engaging education.
- Has a clear point of view on education in Minnesota, informed by their unique perspective as a current or recent student, a preK-12 parent, or an educator.
- Is a passionate storyteller, whether that's through writing, art, public speaking, video production, or another medium.
- Is eager to promote their contributions and engage in constructive, inclusive dialogue with their audience.
- Thrives off collaboration and feedback.

HOW TO APPLY

Please send a 3-5 paragraph summary explaining why you want to participate in the EdVoices program, your unique perspective on education, a few issues you might want to tackle in your contributions, and your preferred media (blog posts, videos, etc.)—to akiener@edalliesmn.org, with “EdVoices application” as the subject line.

TIMELINE

We'll accept applications until 5 p.m. on Monday, May 29 and contact our finalists in June. The program will kick off in July with an in-person training, and contributors will begin sharing their stories and perspectives in time for the new school year.

ABOUT EDALLIES

EdAllies partners with schools, families, and communities to ensure that every young Minnesotan has access to a rigorous and engaging education. We advance policies that put underserved students first, remove barriers facing successful schools and programs, and foster an inclusive conversation about what's possible for students.

Learn more at www.edalliesmn.org