



GradMinnesota Statewide Advisory Council
Thursday, October 19, 2017
St Paul Youth Services <http://www.spys.org/>
GradMinnesota <https://mnyouth.net/work/gradminnesota/>

AGENDA

4:00 Welcome & Introductions

Cammy Lehr. MN Alliance With Youth

4:15 Feature Topic – GradMinnesota Recommendation #6

Make Transportation Accessible to All Students

Tracine Asberry, Executive Director of St. Paul Youth Services

Youth Power – youth panel

Presentation & Recommendations

Questions and Discussion

5:20 Closure and Adjourn



Thank you For Your Participation!

GradMinnesota Recommendation 6. Make Transportation Available to Ensure Access to Learning Opportunities Through Graduation. Equalizing access to programs and activities will increase student involvement and engagement, as well as address what now might be considered de facto discrimination. Two key issues related to transportation include: (1) students who take school buses do not have transportation for “out-of-school-time” which is often critical to address their educational needs and to engage them in programs (sports, music, art, etc.) which develop positive skills and self-esteem; and (2) students who attend alternative learning centers outside of their home district are not provided transportation. While expensive, providing access to public transportation would increase engagement of high school aged students in programs that are critical for their academic and social success.





GradMinnesota Mission & Vision

GradMinnesota represents a collaborative effort of the multi-partisan GradNation campaign led by America's Promise Alliance, an innovative initiative that aims to end the nation's dropout crisis by the end of this decade. Our vision is that all young people in Minnesota will graduate from high school prepared for success in postsecondary opportunities, work, civic engagement, and life.

GradMinnesota Recommendations

1. Ensure quality data is available and used
2. Effectively implement a tiered framework of supports
3. Increase mentoring throughout the state
4. Recover and re-engage youth
5. Implement alternatives to suspensions and expulsions
6. Make transportation accessible to all students
7. Provide alternative pathways to a diploma

GradMinnesota Advisory Council Meeting Schedule (once every 2 months)

[Typically held at] Minnesota Department of Education on Thursday, 9:00 -11:00 AM

- 10/19/17 Make Transportation Available to All Students (Rec #6)
- 12/14/17 Effectively Implement a Tiered Framework of Supports (Rec #2)

