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## **FEBRUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

Join us for the February GradMinnesota Meeting to discuss **Recommendation #7: Providing Alternative Pathways and Additional Time to Earn a Diploma.**

**February 22, 2018** from 9am-11am  
**Minnesota Department of Education,**  
CC16, Conference Center B  
1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville MN

Please visit the [GradMinnesota Provide Alternative Pathways Resource Library page](#) for more information on this recommendation. If you have any questions, contact Alexis at [agoffe@mnyouth.net](mailto:agoffe@mnyouth.net).



## **Restorative Practices Summit**

The Solutions Not Suspensions Coalition and GradMinnesota invite you to participate in a Restorative Practices Summit on March 10, 2018, hosted by Laura Jeffrey Academy. Please join us in building a richer, stronger, and closer community of Restorative Practices Practitioners in Minnesota.



Register Today! <http://bit.ly/2BjLXfa>

Calling all presenters: interested in facilitating a presentation, circle or discussion on one of summit themes identified through community input? Please fill out this form by Jan 30th: <http://bit.ly/2n2BeSh>

For more information, questions or feedback contact: [solutionsnotsuspensions@gmail.com](mailto:solutionsnotsuspensions@gmail.com).

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## Alexis Featured by GradNation!

GradMinnesota's own Alexis Goffe was recently highlighted by America's Promise Alliance's GradNation blog in their [Community Leader Spotlight!](#)

From the feature:

"GradMinnesota strives to bridge the divide, guided by the belief that everyone has a complementary role to play. We work with the hardworking, often undervalued people that serve students every day and those in policy work, who together share the vision of Minnesota's students graduating high school and being prepared for post-secondary success.

If the success of our efforts is tracked by numbers, we have lost the point completely and our children feel it. Before data, graphs, and systems there were relationships and community." [Read more ...](#)



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## EDTalks: Rethinking Discipline & Restorative Practices in Schools

Achieve Minneapolis' February EDTalk will focus on rethinking school suspensions and the use of restorative practices and circle-keeping in schools.



Monday, February 26th from 6-7:30pm at Icehouse in

Minneapolis

[Get your tickets HERE!](#)

**Speakers:**

**Maren Henderson**, Evaluation Specialist for Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS)

**Mayra Rendon**, MPS student at Washburn High School and Youth Participatory Evaluation team member

**Jamie Williams**, restorative practices consultant, trainer, teacher and peacemaking circle-keeper

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## **The Black Board: Where Black Educators Meet**

[The Blackboard - Where Black Educators Meet](#): is an opportunity for aspiring black educators to gather once a month and unpack their methods and missions in education.

Located at Macalester College in room 216 inside of Neill hall!

These are public sessions, anyone can come - though the agenda will always be black/p.o.c centered, organized and celebrated. All ages and free of charge come join us at Macalester College as they gather, discuss and conjure other worlds through curriculum, language and education.

The next session is on Friday, January 26th from 6:00-8:00pm.

[Learn more about the Blackboard gatherings!](#)

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## Host an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow in 2018!

The Alliance places over 200 [AmeriCorps Promise Fellows](#) across the state to support youth in grades 6-10 who are at risk of dropping out of school. Partners can host an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow, or cohort of Promise Fellows, to provide evidence-based interventions to young people at their site.



Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, however, there is a Recommended Deadline of **February 10, 2018**.

[Apply today!](#)

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