



Monthly Newsletter

MINNESOTA
YOUTH COUNCIL



Youth hear testimony from lawmakers at Youth Day at the Capitol

The Minnesota Youth Council held their first legislative committee meeting of the session on March 27th, in conjunction with Youth Day at the Capitol ([#YDAC18](#)).

The MYC has 2-3 hearings per legislative session for

Alumni Spotlight



**Aisha Kimbrough,
Junior at Whitman
College**

"MYC was my first experience with developing the 'leader' in me. It was my first

young people to hear bills presented by legislators. After a presentation by the bill author and other testifiers, discussion and roll call vote, bill authors receive a written letter of feedback with an endorsement/no endorsement on the legislation.

The following bills were heard as part of Youth Day at the Capitol:

SF 3279 - Senator Little (Criminal background checks for firearm transfers requirement), with testimony from MDE Commissioner Brenda Cassellius and Edina student Arjun Maheshwari

- Passed with a vote of 18-5

HF 960 - Representative Backer (School-linked mental health, with appropriation), with testimony from Sue Adberholden of NAMI

- Passed with a vote of 22-1

SF 1386 - Senator Relph (Children 10 years and over right to counsel disclosure)

- Passed with a vote of 23-0

Meeting with MDE Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner

On Sunday, March 18th, the MYC had the pleasure of meeting Minnesota Commissioner of Education Brenda Cassellius and Deputy Commissioner Charlene Briner. The MYC discussed the importance of youth voice, and the Commissioner emphasized how influential our voice is to lawmakers and their policies. We also had the opportunity to present our Statement on School Safety, which both of our guests thought was very well-written and communicates a strong message.

After we received feedback on our statement, the

time I really got to delve in a variety of issues in my community like teen pregnancy rates and the abuse of alcohol and drugs. This experience has been integral to my personal development and has aided me in constructing my passions and goals."



2nd MYC Legislative Committee Meeting

April 20th, 2-4 p.m.
Senate Building, Room 2308

MYC Applications for 2018-19

Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner talked about and further explained Governor Dayton's Safe and Secure Schools Act, and we're currently debating whether the MYC should publicly support it or not. Overall, it was a very informative and productive meeting, and we're so glad they took the time to meet with us!

Due May 1st
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- Raina Meyer, Junior at Minnesota Online High School

MYC Statement on School Safety

The youth leaders of the Minnesota Youth Council are demanding action to protect students: "We call on our policymakers to further increase safety within schools. As students, our education is something that should not be threatened by violence in any form, especially gun-based.

We have stood by the sidelines for far too long, watching preventable massacres occur, hoping that elected officials would take some course of action to protect our schools, concerts, festivals, and places of worship. This is unacceptable, and we now demand that those who represent us, with the power to establish laws, will finally act."

[Read the full statement and press release!](#)



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