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OCTOBER 19TH GRADMN ADVISORY MEETING FEATURING YOUTH PERSPECTIVES

Join us for a conversation identifying barriers and solutions to transportation equity issues for Minnesota students. The October GradMN Advisory meeting will focus on Recommendation #6: Make Transportation Accessible to All Students!

When: Thursday, October 19th at 4pm

Where: St. Paul Youth Services – Lower-Level Community Space, [2100 Wilson Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55119](#)

Featured Speakers: Youth Panel from St. Paul Youth Services Youth Power initiative

Light refreshments provided!

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NEW! Illustrated Essay: Positive School Climate and Restorative Practices

RESOURCE

In partnership with [Twin Cities PBS](#), and supported by the [GradNation State Activation Initiative](#), Minnesota Alliance With Youth is pleased to present this [illustrated essay](#) that overviews the impact that restorative practices can have in our schools. Youth from across the state, along with restorative practice experts, teachers and administrators informed the creation of this essay. Intended to be used as a tool to start conversation in our communities, we hope you'll share it broadly!



This Saturday! #AMGRAD American Graduate Day: Oct 14th EVENT

For the last five years, American Graduate Day has emphasized the importance of high school graduation through telling stories, creating resources, and building community connections.

On October 14, [American Graduate Day](#) (#AMGRAD) will look beyond high school graduation and explore post-secondary pathways to career success, which could include traditional universities as well as job training and certification programs, the military, and apprenticeship programs.



The day will highlight the inspiring individuals and organizations helping students graduate high school and look toward their next chapter.

Tune in to your local public television station, and follow along with [Twin Cities Public Television](#) for local stories and updates, including a showings of:

- Black Brilliance -12:30 PM

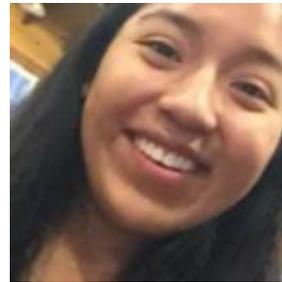
- Belief Bowl 2016: The Growth Mindset - 11:30 AM
- College Is Possible - 5:30 PM

Keep your eyes out for the new Positive School Climate illustrated essay as well!

Engaging Youth and Using Alternatives to End School Pushout

YOUTH VOICE

Former Minnesota Youth Council member and current Augsburg college Freshman Jessica Mendoza shares her views on school discipline in the latest [EdAllies](#) EdVoices blog post: "Having recently graduated from high school after attending various schools across Minnesota, and interning this summer with a juvenile defense attorney, I have seen firsthand how schools push too many students—[especially students of color](#)—out of school and into the juvenile justice system. This approach isn't right, and it isn't working. Schools are failing students by being too quick to execute a punishment, which has [lasting, negative impacts](#). To combat racial disparities in school and society, schools need a new approach to school discipline that is grounded in student perspectives and alternatives that work." [Read Jessica's full blog post ...](#)



Construct Tomorrow: Show Students the Relevance of Education to their Future!

RESOURCE

The [Construct Tomorrow program](#) provides students information about apprenticeship career training and opportunities in the construction industry.

The organizers (schools and industry) host events for students to introduce them to opportunities in the construction industry. The Construct Tomorrow team brings representatives from multiple trades to a site



designated by the host and provides hands-on experiences for the students who get to work side-by-side with apprentices and journey-level workers.

Find out more about hosting an event at your school! Go to <http://constructtomorrow.org/>

2017 MREA Annual Conference: Future Ready Students

EVENT

Join the 2017 Minnesota Rural Education Association's Annual Conference to explore the evolving definition of "career and college ready" to "future ready" and to ensure we're preparing students for better lifelong opportunities. More than 40 presenters will share best practices, solutions, and research on this period of adolescent transition and readiness transformation.



When: November 12-14

Where: Cragun's Resort in Brainerd, MN

[Register Here!](#)

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