

Superintendent Search Committee Application

Full Name

Collin George Robinson

Do you have experience on other Selection Committees?

No

List the most recent Selection Committee(s) you served on and the year?

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Which district do you reside in?

District 1

Which category best describes your background?

Minneapolis Public Schools student

What motivates you, as a volunteer, in serving on Minneapolis Public Schools superintendent search committee, and what educational committees have you served on?

I am a member of the Twin Cities Coalition for Justice for Jamar, Educate Ya Self, Dare 2 Be Real, as well as the Minneapolis NAACP education Committee. I believe that education reform needs to be prioritized, because if we can't guarantee equitable education for all of Minneapolis Students, specifically the Black and Brown students, than how do we expect them to become successful? This very concept pushes me to fight for education reform. And I believe if we put the right person in office, than we can begin to strive for equitable education for all.

The selection process is expected to last for 90 days. Is there anything about the length or scheduling of the meetings that would interfere with your ability to serve on the selection committee?

No. If I am selected, I will perform all required duties.

The School Board is aware that there has been a great deal of discussion about the achievement gap (difference in achievement for students of color vs whites). Do you have an opinion, one way or another, on this subject?

I do not think that we should create dialogue about an "achievement gap" but rather converse about the opportunity gap that we have in this district. If you, as a school board, can say that each student has been given adequate, and equitable learning resources, and environment, only then can they say that there is something called an achievement gap. But that is not true. The problem is that black students in North Minneapolis are set up to fail along with the Native Americans in our schools, the Brown, Coastal, and Pacific Islanders in our schools. This is a problem we need a superintendent to address.

Race/Ethnicity

African American and Australian

Gender

Male

Are you comfortable listening to diverse opinions and feel free to respond in turn (i.e. give and take dialogue)?

I do feel comfortable listening to all perspectives. I think it's crucial to take in different perspectives, and learn from all of them. I don't, and probably won't, agree with everyone, but the only way we can guarantee success through this committee is if everyone is heard.