



Second Annual Day of Action: Saturday, September 10, 2011, from 12 – 4 p.m.  
Minneapolis Parks & Recreation, 2117 West River Road North, Minneapolis, MN 55411

Visit [www.wewantyoubackmpls.org](http://www.wewantyoubackmpls.org) to learn more, sign up or help out.

Dear Friends,

Please join us as we continue to reach out to un-enrolled young people to help them make a plan to return to school, complete their credits and get their diploma. Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) and Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board (YCB) have joined forces to organize a Day of Action to raise public awareness about the dropout crisis and graduation gap and to enlist the entire community's help to resolve it.

Last September, we spoke with thousands of young people across Minneapolis in a high-energy day of outreach, information and resources. One hundred of them immediately signed up to speak with MPS staff about getting on a path toward re-enrollment and graduation so that they may be successful.

We can do it again! Minneapolis youth face the toughest job market since the Great Depression, and they need all the tools they can get to succeed. **Volunteer today at [www.wewantyoubackmpls.org](http://www.wewantyoubackmpls.org).**

**Saturday, September 10, 2011 is our citywide door-knocking event.** Volunteers will walk together, knock on doors across the city, and talk to young people with helpful information. Training will be provided to all volunteers. Teams of community members and school district volunteers will work to connect with young people with the goal of attracting back 100 youth in one day to a path of success. MPS staff will assist with the re-enrollment process, which includes looking at online classes, alternative schools and Area Learning Centers.

Please circulate the attached article in your neighborhood, workplace or congregation and with other Minneapolis residents interested in seeing our young people succeed.

To learn more about We Want You Back or if you know someone who might want to re-enroll, please contact:

Jo Haberman, Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board, 612.673.2720 or [wwyb@ycb.org](mailto:wwyb@ycb.org)

Mary Barrie at Minneapolis Public Schools, 612.668.0721 or [mary.barrie@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:mary.barrie@mpls.k12.mn.us)

Thank you for your help with this important effort!

**We Want You Back Campaign Chairs**

R.T. Rybak, Mayor, City of Minneapolis

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Mike Freeman, Hennepin County Attorney