

## JLM Advocacy Election Guide

Leverage this election guide to engage legislators & candidates and to share information with friends and family

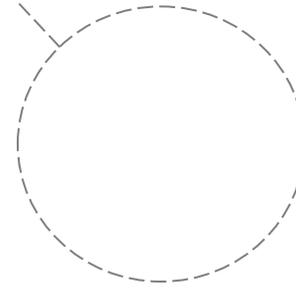
### Introduction

I am a Junior League of Minneapolis (JLM) volunteer and we are focused on addressing the Achievement Gap among Minnesota students. Through my volunteer experiences, I have become passionate about this issue and would like to gain your insight on this topic.

### Questions

- How would you address the issue of the achievement gaps that exist between the average academic performance of affluent and lower-income students?
- What will you do to encourage schools to increase participation of children in food programs like free/reduced food and nutrition programs school lunches, school breakfasts, and summer meals?
- What will you do to ensure that all families, regardless of socio-economic backgrounds, will be guaranteed easily-accessible and early education resources?
- What has motivated you to run for public office?

**Remember to share your personal advocacy story!**



## Achievement Gap Statistics

- 2014 Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) results indicate a significant gap between white students and students of color:
  - Reading Proficiency
    - 67% - white students
    - 33% - African American students
  - Math Proficiency
    - 71% - white students
    - 35% - African American students

## Election Resources

- **JLM Advocacy Blog**  
(<http://jlmadvocacy.com/>)
- **Minnesota Council of Nonprofits**  
(<http://www.minnesotanonprofits.org>)
- **Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State**  
(<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=4>)
- **League of Women Voters**  
(<http://www.lwvmpls.org/>)

## Junior League of Minneapolis Projects

- *Backpack Buddies* provides nutritious, easy-to-prepare food over the weekend to children in food-insecure homes in the greater Twin Cities area
- *Between The Lines* offers parents an opportunity to connect with their children through a literary experience
- *Helping Hands* provides diverse opportunities for hands-on volunteer experience
- *H.O.M.E.S.* is committed to engage and equip parents with ways to continue Math, Engineering and Science activities through hands-on projects in their homes