



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
from the Department of Intergovernmental Relations**

**Date:** September 1, 2011

**To:** Council Member Elizabeth Glidden, Chair, Intergovernmental Relations  
Subcommittee and Members of the Committee

**Referral to:** Committee of the Whole

**Subject:** Amendment to 2011 City of Minneapolis Federal Legislative Agenda; City  
Council Resolution supporting the Northside Achievement Zone.

Resolution supporting the Northside Achievement Zone's application to the U.S.  
Department of Education's Promise Neighborhoods grant program.

**Recommendations:**

- 1. Amend the City of Minneapolis' Federal Legislative Agenda, after the "Youth Violence Prevention" section, insert the following new item:**

"Education

The City of Minneapolis regards education as the cornerstone of our community. Along with the City, Minneapolis Public Schools, local nonprofit organizations, business and philanthropic partners strive to offer the very best education to every student in the district.

To this end, the U.S. Department of Education's *Promise Neighborhoods* grant program offers an opportunity for students and families to access the comprehensive, wrap-around services they need to guarantee college-readiness for all children living in the targeted areas.

The Northside Achievement Zone is a collaborative of 60 organizations offering these high-touch support services to children and families. The collaborative strives to ensure all children are college-ready, and to end generational poverty in the Zone by building a culture of achievement.

The City of Minneapolis supports the Northside Achievement Zone's efforts to secure funding resources from the *Promise Neighborhoods* grant program to enable them to reach our shared goal of ensuring all young people in Minneapolis are ready to succeed in college and beyond."

**2. Pass proposed resolution supporting the Northside Achievement Zone’s application to the U.S. Department of Education’s Promise Neighborhoods grant program.**

**Previous Directives: None**

**Department Information**

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**Financial Impact**

No financial impact

**Background**

The Northside Achievement Zone is a collaborative of 60 organizations offering wrap-around and high-touch support to families living in a defined geographic area of North Minneapolis. Through that collaborative the Northside Achievement Zone is working to end generational poverty and guarantee college-readiness for all children living in the Zone.

The Northside Achievement Zone applied for Promise Neighborhood funding in 2010 and was not successful. NAZ can develop a strong proposal with lessons learned from that application process.

The Promise Neighborhoods grant program of the U.S. Department of Education is an average \$5.0 million investment per year for 3-5 years for the awarded neighborhoods. The Promise Neighborhoods program aims to fund comprehensive projects that align rigorous and improving schools with student and whole-family support solutions to greatly improve educational outcomes in a geographic zone. The Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ) has been implementing this exact strategy in the community throughout 2010 and 2011.



**Proposed Resolution**

**of the**

**City of Minneapolis**

**Supporting the Northside Achievement Zone's application to the U.S. Department of Education's Promise Neighborhoods grant program.**

Whereas, The Northside Achievement Zone is a collaborative of 60 organizations offering wrap-around, high-touch support to families living in a defined geographic area of North Minneapolis;

Whereas, Through that collaborative the Northside Achievement Zone is working to guarantee college-readiness for all children living in that Zone;

Whereas, The Northside Achievement Zone intends to end generational poverty in the Zone by building a culture of achievement; and

Whereas, The Northside Achievement Zone is working with all levels of government in order to achieve these goals and their success would mean lasting and meaningful positive change for the City of Minneapolis.

Now, therefore, Be it Resolved by the City Council of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis supports the Northside Achievement Zone's application for support through the U.S. Department of Education's Promise Neighborhoods grant program and their efforts to ensure all students in Minneapolis are ready for college, life and citizenship.