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DEEPENING STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT SCHOLAR VOICE



"This year has been a real struggle with children ... coming in with trauma. [Through the strategies,] we're ... getting the teacher what they need and then drilling down all the way to the scholar. I'm super excited! I wish we could've started a long time ago."

- Paula Bump, Principal of The Mastery School.

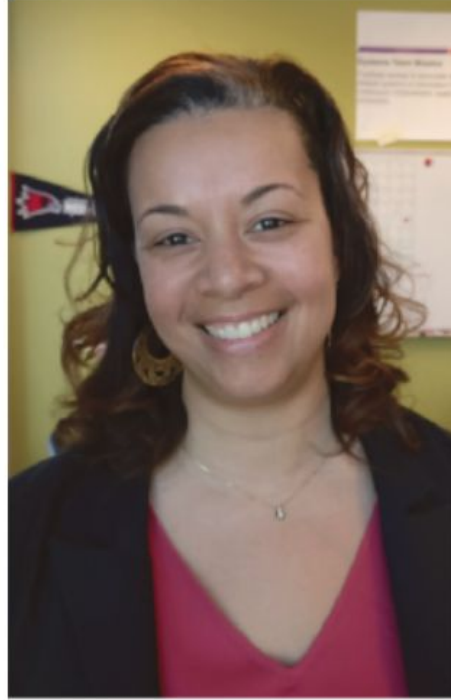
The Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ) anchor schools, partners, parents, and staff are beginning to work in alignment to support scholar Voice ([see description](#)) in North Minneapolis. NAZ, together with Washburn Center for Children, Hennepin County, and Twin Cities Rise, is implementing a behavioral health effort to improve engagement with scholars. Trauma-informed practice and empowerment training for professionals and parents introduce a new lens that encourages Northside Scholars to express themselves through constructive communication and positive actions, which improves learning and life success.

In order to strengthen all of our scholar and parent interactions, the next 18 months will result in increased training and ongoing consultation with our anchor schools and partners, including early childhood, expanded learning, and family support. This deep focus on a positive, trauma-informed behavioral health framework will leverage what we already implement as parent and scholar engagement strategies. By fostering a shared language, shifting our lens, supporting self-worth, and building skills, we are setting the stage for scholar voices to soar!

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