



Monday, April 17, 2023

To whom it may concern,

As a Denver-founded nonprofit organization that has supported Denver-area students on their journey to 4-year colleges and universities, Minds Matter Colorado absolutely supports the ordinance changes that Prosperity Denver Fund is proposing. Should the proposed changes take place, Minds Matter Colorado would

- Be able to support a greater number of students, particularly students that attend Denver public high schools but have temporarily lived in nearby cities due to vulnerable housing situations during their time in high school
- More holistically support the students who graduated from our program, which will increase their chances of post-secondary success
- Overall provide increased support to the Denver community by increasing the number of Denver residents and families positively impacted by higher education

We would like to strongly urge the Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness Committee to approve these proposed changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Brennan".

Kate Brennan

About Minds Matter Colorado

At Minds Matter Colorado, we're on a mission to prove that it's ability, not access, that should determine college choice for qualified high school students. So, we connect driven and determined students from low-income families with the people, preparation, and possibilities to succeed in college, create their future, and change the world. Our unique approach combines three years of mentorship with committed volunteers, weekly college-prep instruction, and access to summer programs at colleges across the country.

We're currently in our 19th year of programming, having started as a 100% volunteer run organization in 2004. In recent years, we have expanded our programming to support students in Aurora and Colorado Springs, but the majority of the students we have served over the years have attended Denver Public Schools, and lived in Denver or the surrounding area.