

## **Education Center**

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Hello VOA High School Valued Partners,

I am writing with an exciting VOA High School announcement! Volunteers of America of Minnesota's Educational Programs have occupied 924 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue S for nearly 20 years. We have seen much learning, growth and student success at this current location and are grateful for the community which has supported us in this space. As our programming has evolved, we have increasingly felt the need to find a new location which supports all of the important educational components and wrap-around services we offer. VOA families, students and staff also identified a safer outside school environment as a priority. In 2020, VOAMN leadership began exploring possibilities for the high school and have finally located a building that is reflective of the high regard we hold for our students, their safety and success. We are excited to welcome students, partners and business associates to our new address, beginning August 2022:

## 2300 NE Kennedy St Minneapolis, MN 55413

In this new location, we will continue with the same high-quality academic programming we currently offer for Minneapolis Public School students in grades 10-12:

- Project Based Learning (PBL)
- Credit recovery during the regular school day
- Independent Study
- Experiential Learning in the Twin Cities community and natural areas of Minnesota
- Extended Learning
- Hybrid Student Schedule
- Digital learning and recovery options

This new location offers spaces which will allow students to collaborate more, receive more personalized instruction and has a great, naturally lit project-making environment! In addition, we will continue to provide *and* expand effective wrap-around supports for all students, including access to on-site licensed behavioral health professionals, school social worker, ALC+ case coordinator, community health-based partners, an MPS on-site nurse and more.

VOA High School administrators, licensed staff and support professionals promise to do our absolute best to communicate well as we embark on this relocation. We look forward to answering any questions you may have and working with you, our trusted partners, to make the transition seamless.

Warm Regards,

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