

April 7, 2021

Dear Members of the Minnesota Legislature,

I am writing to express my support for the Bridges to Careers and Bridges to Health Care initiatives designed to benefit our students, organization, and the communities we serve. Riverland Community College currently works with the Adult Basic Education (ABE) program in Owatonna, Austin, and Albert Lea to be a bridge to careers in South East MN. Some of our work includes curriculum development, team teaching, and providing developmental education so students in the ABE programs ensuring students can begin their pathway to a career in their chosen field.

Our work is just getting started and collaboration and key partnerships are needed to continue this great work. We look to the legislature to be one of those stakeholders. These efforts will focus on building strong and sustainable resources for adult learners.

Additionally, as the President, I will support the team to do what is needed to move this initiative forward and continue the important work we are doing with our ABE partners as well as our industry partners. You have an opportunity with the Bridges program to change the trajectory of our underserved population here in Minnesota

Thank you for considering providing resources to the Bridges program in South East Minnesota.

Sincerely,



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President

