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PDK newsletter

Notes from Josh's Desk

Next week our office in Arlington gets a new home! We will be staying in Arlington, but moving to office space that will better help us support our members. There may be momentary lapses of service in those days of the move and I thank you in advance for your patience as we move into this next phase in PDK's story.

As you'll see below, the team has been busy as always; read below to learn about some of our new initiatives!

Joshua P. Starr, CEO PDK International

American Voice

PDK International is launching the American Voice campaign as a new charitable giving initiative to honor the history of the *PDK Poll of the Public's Attitudes Toward the Public Schools* and ensure its continued independence. Throughout its 50 years, the national PDK poll has been funded exclusively by the PDK Foundation, which has enabled it to preserve its independence and integrity. To make a gift to the American Voice campaign – visit www.pdkintl.org/donate or contact Katrina Breese, Sr. Director of Development at kbreese@pdkintl.org or (571)335-0682.

PDK's inaugural cohort- Community of Learning and Practice

On November 2-3, PDK will launch the inaugural cohort of our Community of Learning and Practice (CoLP)! 25-30 system leaders from 8-10 districts will come together to engage in the sharing of best practices, the tackling of problems of practice, and critical discourse about issues of equity and social justice in education. This cohort of school leaders will build community, learn together, and inform PDK's approach to change management over the next two years.

Employee spotlight



Dennard Marbury

Membership Associate

With PDK since May 2017

I enjoy playing golf and spending time with my daughter.

I am always willing to lend a helping hand and have a positive outlook on life and what I can bring to the table.

Study Tour 2018

We are in the process of identifying a new location for this year's trip, as well as looking for a new travel partner. Keep an eye on your inbox as more information will be coming!

Vehicle Donation Program

PDK now provides another convenient way to support our work. Those interested in donating a vehicle can visit pdkintl.careasy.org or call 855-500-RIDE.

Educators Rising

Since launching in 2015, 40,165 members have joined Educators Rising; over half are students of color.



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