

## Michael Diedrich on Educational Equity (Podcast)

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Michael Diedrich from MN2020 spoke to the Stone Arch discussion group on October 14, 2013. He talked about educational equity in Minnesota schools. He has [written extensively](#) for MN2020's [Hindsight blog](#) on education and achievement.

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Diedrich, born and raised in Rochester, spent two years teaching English at Brooklyn Center High School as a Teach For America corps member. Seeing in his students and colleagues the negative consequences of No Child Left Behind, narrow definitions of achievement, and a punitive attitude towards schools and teachers, Michael shifted his focus to the broader educational system.

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He is now a Master of Public Policy student at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs, where he is pursuing a concentration in education policy. He hopes to contribute to the development of a new mindset in Minnesota around education that emphasizes equity and reform beyond test-centered policies and "market-based" approaches.

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