

2016 Annual School Engagement Conference



PRESENTERS:



R.T. Rybak

Minneapolis Foundation CEO and President and former Mayor of Minneapolis

In July, 2016 **R.T. Rybak** began serving as the seventh CEO and President of the Minneapolis Foundation, one of the nation's oldest and largest community foundations. A Minneapolis native, R.T. Rybak spent almost 30 years working in journalism, the commercial real estate business, publishing and the Internet before being elected mayor of Minneapolis in his first run for public office. Most recently he served as Executive Director of Generation Next a coalition of civic, business and school leaders focused on closing the racial achievement gap in Minneapolis and Saint Paul. He is the author of "Pothole Confidential" about his 12 years as Mayor of Minneapolis and serves as a Senior Advisor for Municipal Practice at Living Cities. He and his wife Megan O'Hara, have two grown children.



Laura Yuen

Minnesota Public Radio Metro Reporter

Laura Yuen is a metro reporter for Minnesota Public Radio News. She's interested in covering race, ethnicity and the immigrant experience. Her radio series on young Somali-Americans, "Civil War Kids," won the national Society of Professional Journalists New America Award, which honors work that explores issues of importance to immigrant communities living in the United States. Laura recently led a reporting project on Minnesota's high school graduation disparities.