Alliance for Quality Education
New York City Advocacy Director
Job Description

This is an exciting opportunity for the right person to join a dynamic and effective statewide coalition of organizations committed to parent organizing for education reform. AQE has a successful track record established over the past seven years and recently played a lead role in securing a four-year commitment from the state to increase state funding for public schools by $7 billion.

1. Provide leadership to AQE in New York City for the purpose of strategy formation, coalition work, and policy advocacy. Need to be able to work effectively with key leadership of major allied organizations and assist these key leaders in forging and implementing a common agenda and action plan.
2. Develop and maintain relationships with citywide and borough-wide elected officials, members of state legislative delegation representing New York City, members of City Council, key officials at NYS Department of Education and relevant staff for all of the above.
3. Monitor Department of Education policy and budget proposals. Work with AQE policy staff, key coalition partners, and consultants in interpreting these proposals and generating alternatives.
4. Actively engage public officials around policy agenda and organizing strategy of AQE and partner organizations regarding Department of Education, NYC Budget and legislation, NYS Budget and Legislation, NYS Education Department and Board of Regents.
5. Work in consultation with Executive Director and other lead staff to formulate and coordinate AQE organizing, advocacy, policy and communications strategy.
6. Develop and maintain relationships with potential allies that have capacity (due to large membership or other factors) to have major impact on education policy debate, but are not immediately focused on education issues.
7. Serve as an AQE media spokesperson work with other AQE staff in organizing media events, public forums, rallies and other activities.
8. Through all of these activities and others as identified by Executive Director, build power of AQE and partner organizations within New York City and as part of statewide quality education movement.

Qualifications:

- Five plus years experience in organizing, legislative advocacy or political activity to impact policy decision-making.
- Strong grasp of strategy and of the political process.
- Knowledge of, experience in, and relationships with New York City communities-based organizations and leaders—both of key organizations and elected leaders.
- Ability to take initiative and make decisions within the structure of an organization committed to education justice.
- Willingness to work demanding work schedule, think and plan strategically, work well with diverse range of people, and provide leadership by example.
- Ability to grasp education policy issues with degree of mastery necessary to position.

Compensation

- Salary commensurate with experience and demands of position.
- Generous health package and retirement plan.
- Three weeks vacation.

To Apply

Send Cover Letter and Resume to;

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