

When Adults Read With Children
EVERYBODY WINS!

The best word I can use to describe this year's Power Lunch program is "more:" more mentors, more students, more schools, and more books. We have over **630 Power Lunch mentors** reading with **550 students at 12 schools** across the region. Together we have completed over **6,700 hours of one-on-one shared reading sessions**. And we have given away more than **4,100 free books to children and classrooms**.

All of this is possible because of your support and commitment. Thank you. As valued partners in our work, your well-being is paramount. We want to ensure a safe environment for all students, mentors, and the extended [Everybody Wins DC \(EWDC\)](#) family.

After serious consideration and discussion, and in light of growing concerns about the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#), the Board and I have decided to temporarily pause all Power Lunch reading sessions effective immediately and through March 31. This was not a decision we made lightly, but we believe it to be the best decision given the information we have regarding the spread of [COVID-19](#).

Please know that this step is being taken out of an abundance of caution. As we await additional information and guidance on how to best protect and promote the health of all individuals impacted by our programs, we feel this discretionary measure is prudent. The Board and I will be reviewing this decision on a regular basis and will communicate any new information as soon as practicable.

I apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding and your continued support of EWDC, our mission, and our students. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jordan Tanski, EWDC Program Director, at jtanski@everybodywinsdc.org or at (202) 216-9467. You can also reach out to me directly at jhutchinson@everybodywinsdc.org.

Sincerely,

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