

BEYOND DIFFERENCES™

Inspiring Youth to End Social Isolation

----- Middle School Leadership Retreat Application ----- 2020-2021 Academic Year

We are looking for motivated 7th/8th grade students to join our Beyond Differences' Portland Middle School Leadership Program!

Turn in this application online or in-person to the Beyond Differences Faculty Advisor at your school.

For questions or information, please email Sheri Louis: sherilouis@beyonddifferences.com



Student Information

Name _____

School Name: _____

Entering Grade for 2020-2021 School Year: _____

Opportunities

- **Attend both of the free (one day) retreats at The Kennedy School. The Fall Retreat is on Sunday, October 25, 2020 and the Winter Retreat is on Sunday, January 24, 2021.**
- Learn social-emotional skills
- Training on public speaking and leadership
- Training on how to be an upstander
- Be mentored by high school students
- Meet other middle school leaders from all over Portland
- Be part of a national organization working to end social isolation!

Commitments

Leadership students are required to participate in the following:

- Attend and lead all Beyond Differences meetings at your school
- Participate in both Beyond Differences retreats in October & January (one day-only)
- Plan and lead the following National Days:
 - Know Your Classmates, October 2020
 - No One Eats Alone, February 2021
 - Be Kind Online, May 2021

By signing below, you agree to the above list of requirements and responsibilities.

Student

Signature _____ Date _____

Complete the questions below. Please handwrite or type your answers.

1. Briefly explain why you would like to join Beyond Differences.

2. What experience either in or outside of school has influenced you to think about social

isolation, and how can you make a contribution to Beyond Differences because of this experience?

3. How comfortable are you with speaking in front of an audience?

4. What makes you want to learn to become a leader, and what leadership skills do you already have?

5. What leadership skills are you hoping to learn, and what are you hoping to learn about social isolation?