

DelawareCAN—About the Organization

At DelawareCAN, we work to build an education system that prepares every Delaware child for life success and meets its promise to serve as an engine of social and economic mobility. We empower, mobilize and work with everyday Delawareans to advocate for a high-quality education system. We use research and communications, grassroots organizing and government relations to ensure Delaware's education system is excellent for every student.

Unfortunately, the Delaware public education system is not providing a high-quality education for all students, and until now there has been no statewide education advocacy organization that ensures the voices of everyday Delawareans are represented in the policy process.

At DelawareCAN, we believe a successful education system is one that prioritizes providing the resources students need to succeed and thrive over adult convenience or special interests. We believe that real and lasting improvement in the education sector will only occur when communities are deeply engaged and heard. We believe Delaware needs to be urgent in its approach to creating the type of education system students deserve. They cannot wait.

To achieve this bold vision, we will:

- Advocate for policies that will create excellent education opportunities for all students and put their needs at the center of our system,
- Empower and mobilize a diverse cadre of voices to advocate for policies that truly benefit our communities,
- Develop and use high-quality research to make sure our advocacy efforts are based on policies that are proven to help our students and schools achieve better outcomes and
- Work directly with policymakers and legislators on both sides of the aisle to ensure Delaware's education system is the type our children deserve.

Together, we can create lasting change for kids. That is why we need your help to build a stronger, more student-centered education system in Delaware.

To join us, you can:

- Visit us at delawarecan.org and follow us on Facebook and Twitter
- Sign up for updates on the state of Delaware education at delawarecan.org
- Share your goals and priorities with us

About Atnre Alleyne

Atnre Alleyne is the founder and executive director of DelawareCAN. Prior to joining 50CAN in March 2016 as an Education Advocacy Fellow, Atnre was the Director of Talent Management at the Delaware Department of Education. He spends his Saturdays with students and families in TeenSHARP, a college prep program he founded in 2009 that serves students in Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Atnre holds a B.A. in economics and an M.P.A. from Rutgers University-Camden. He also holds an M.A. in political science from the University of Delaware. Atnre lives in Wilmington with his wife Tatiana and daughter Zoryana.

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DelawareCAN is a branch of 50CAN: The 50-State Campaign for Achievement Now that works to build an education system that prepares every Delaware child for life success and social and economic mobility. DelawareCAN empowers, mobilizes and collaborates with everyday Delawareans to advocate for a high-quality education system. We use research and communications, grassroots organizing, and government relations to ensure Delaware's education system is excellent for every student.

About 50CAN

50CAN: The 50-State Campaign for Achievement Now is a national network of state-level advocacy groups working to enact research-based education reforms to ensure every child in his or her state has access to a great school. In addition to Delaware, 50CAN operates campaigns in Rhode Island, Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Tennessee.