

# school: BY DESIGN

For this initiative, high school students and mentors will examine the school's "ecosystem" – how all the people, places, programs and things in the school interact – from the student's vantage point to re-imagine a more sustainable school, one that will improve now and continue to grow and thrive in the future. The project will connect students to a subject they know well, and one in which they are likely to have strong opinions.

This program is an initiative of *Design Ignites Change*, a nationwide program that challenges students to use design thinking and innovation to explore and create solutions to pressing social problems, discover their potential and take action in their communities.

## Join us!

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## Challenging students to: redesign their school

**School: by Design** is a design and architecture oriented mentoring initiative. The program engages high school students to think about the pressing problems in their school in a mindful and creative way, and to come up with solutions that account for a diversity of ideas, perspectives and approaches to learning.

## We'd like you to be a mentor!

We are launching School: by Design in our AIA community and **we are looking for mentors.**

- » We'd like you to join us by collaborating with a young person to develop a project.
- » There will be a kick-off meeting where you will meet the other participants and your student(s), it is important that you attend this meeting.
- » You will meet with your student at his/her school and/or in your office for six two-hour sessions over the course of eight weeks.
- » You will set the meeting times based on both of your schedules.
- » All participants will be featured in any promotion that we do for the project and on the Design Ignites Change website.
- » Projects will be eligible for a cash prize to fund the implementation of an idea within the school.

You do not have to have any experience in mentoring; a step-by-step set of guidelines and curriculum are available to make the project easy to execute. The material will give you the tools you need to successfully complete the project while providing a rewarding experience for the student and yourself.

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