Civics at Work: Sign-on Statement

Democracy is not invincible or inevitable. Sustaining it requires an informed and engaged public. But this fundamental pre-requisite is threatened by the decades-long decline in civics education that has left Americans of all ages lacking the skills to fulfill their essential role in moving us towards a more perfect union.

We must make a long-term investment in reinvigorating K-12 civics to ensure that students understand the fundamentals of our democratic republic and their role in sustaining it. At the same time, the decline in civic literacy among adults presents a current threat to democracy and demands an urgent response.

Businesses must be at the heart of any effort to reinvigorate civics, as leaders, employers, members of communities, and patriots. American business depends upon a healthy democracy and commitment to the rule of law to facilitate commerce, promote innovation, and ensure our competitiveness in the world. Moreover, working to reinvigorate civic literacy is a fundamental part of investing in our workforce to help them succeed and our communities to thrive.

In joining this initiative, we commit to putting civics to work by

1. advocating for a nationwide emphasis on educating students on the fundamentals of democracy and the role of the individual in sustaining it,
2. conducting civics conversations within the workforce to empower them to contribute positively to their workplace, their community, and their country, and
3. supporting our communities in activities to promote civic literacy and engagement.

If your business or organization is interested in signing this ‘Civics at Work’ pledge, please reach out to civics@csis.org.