

## Citywide Council on High Schools - Bronx

### Candidates

**Candidate: Jenny Torres**

**DBN:** 10X660

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

#### **Applicant Background**

I am presently the PTA President at ps32 Belmont in the Bronx. I am currently on the S.L.T and I was on the S.L.T last year. I was the vice president of the PTA last year as well. I volunteer as much as I can at my daughters school as well as my sons school.

#### **Personal Statement**

Please vote for me to be on either team. I am a team player And a dedicated person and parent when it's comes to helping others. I would love to try and put an end to the drop out rate and try to fix or make a solution for the dilemma going on in our schools. Just know that if you vote for me you will not be disappointed.

**Candidate: Sajo Kumbamang Touray**

**DBN:** 09X250

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

#### **Applicant Background**

My six students joined me here in New York City in February, 2006 and continued learning in four different schools in New York City. Since then I have been attending SLT and PTA meetings in all the four schools without failure in any of the schools. As a result the schools will hand pick me to be an SLT member before parents even decide to elect me . I still now take permission from my work, some how, to make sure that I do not fail to attend SLT and PTA meetings in my students' schools. And, in addition, for the past two years I have been regularly attending CEC [ community education council ] meetings without a failure in any month, without any good reason. When I applied two years ago, I was elected to serve to as CEC member in District 8. Here ,I wish to apply again to serve in District 8 or Citywide Member For English Language Learners or Citywide Member For High School Education. I was a teacher in Africa for many years before coming to America. I have the experience in teaching in both slow and fast students to an extend that all my grades six students would pass the entrance examination to High Schools every year ..

### **Personal Statement**

I did Diploma in Educational Studies , B.A.Ed. and M.A. Ed in Britain and then went to work in Gambia up to the ministerial level.

**Candidate: Yunisha D. Alamo**

**DBN:** 07X548

**IEP/ELL:** IEP

### **Applicant Background**

I have worked as a Medical Foster Care Caseworker for a foster care agency for over 6 years, as a caseworker I have advocated for children and their parents in court, the NYC public school system, hospitals and in every area to assure that they have all the opportunities they deserve to have. I have also volunteered for over 10 years for a homeless organization in feeding, housing and clothing the homeless population in the Bronx. As a parent I have been an active participant in my sons education and continue to advocate for him diligently as he continues his education in the New York City Public schools.

### **Personal Statement**

As a parent of a child who continues to attend the New York City Public School I have learned the importance of being an active participant in the child's education. It is critical that every parent be encouraged to know their child's learning environment that we entrust our child to for approximately 200 days a year and all those who are involved in sustaining that environment. I am grateful for the opportunity to apply for a position on the Citywide Council on High Schools so that I may participate in the New York City Public school learning environment on a larger scale that will ensure that all children have the education that they deserve on a consistent basis.

**Candidate: Marie Ramoatar**

**DBN:** 12X478

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

### **Applicant Background**

I SUPPORTED THE ALL THE PS AND OR PRIVATE SCHOOL MY SON AND NEPHEW ATTENDED. I AM WELL ORGANIZED, CAN ASSIST WITH FUND RAISING AND CAN HELP TOWARDS ENCOURAGING MORE PARENTS TO HELP WITH ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOLS THEIR CHILDREN ATTEND. I AM NOT PERFECT BUT LIKE TO SUPPORT AND HELP CHILDREN OF ALL NEEDS. SOMETIMES OUR PARENT LEADERS IN THE SCHOOL DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH AS SUCH ITS VERY HARD TO UNDERSTAND AND PARENTS LOSE FOCUS AND OR JUST STOP ATTENDING.

**Personal Statement**

Tell me and I'll forget. Show me, and I may not remember. Involve me, and I'll understand.....

**Candidate: Angela Williams-Martin**

**DBN:** 11X514

**IEP/ELL:**

**Applicant Background**

I am the Secretary for the PTA and the Health Committee Coordinator for my Church. I assist with planning health fairs for the community.

**Personal Statement**

**Candidate: Alidu Dramani**

**DBN:** 08X305

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

**Applicant Background**

**Personal Statement**

**Candidate: Neyda Franco**

**DBN:** 07X551

**IEP/ELL:** IEP

**Applicant Background**

During the pass 30 plus years I have been involved in all my children education which includes my 11 grandchildren, 4 children and 3 adopted children. I have worked and have been part of the SLT, PA/PTA, Trustee, Title 1, DLT and for the pass 2 yrs. CEC member. During the years as a parent member to the IEP team I have advocated for the parent and their children. The work that I have done and will continue to do has always been for all the Children no matter if they are GE, Special Ed., ELL or District #75. It has been and always will be about our children.

### **Personal Statement**

As a life long believer that all our children can learn and it is their legal right to have a well rounded education, I will continue that fight not matter what. As parents we are thei childrens first educator and will be their last with our last breath. It takes a village to educate our children and we the parent are the top member of that village. This has be my stand wherever I go it is about our "Children" and we must be respected as their parent and partners in their education.

**Candidate: Sherri Lynn Yancey**

**DBN:** 11X455

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

### **Applicant Background**

Experience: Harry S. Truman PTA Secretary- Present, P.S. 178 School Leadership Team member and Learning Leaders Volunteer, M.S. 181 Title one Secretary, National Council Of Negro Women Inc. North Bronx Section Parlimentarian and Historian, NYCHA Boston Secor Tenant Association Secretary and Vice President, Grace Baptist Church Trustee Board secretary, Missionary Society Vice President, Young Adult Ministry President and Usher Board Secretary- present

### **Personal Statement**

I am interested in serving on the Citywide Education Council. I have several years exprience as a concerned parent involved to see my son and other students get a well structure education in District 11 Schools. I have participated within the schools PTA/PA, School Leadership Team, Title one Secretary and currently the Secretary of my son's High School PTA. You will notice that I am a parent who is seriously involved in the Department of Education. I am a dedicated, responsible, enrgetic, respectful and hardworker with a positive attitude. If I am selected, You will have great person working well with people helping to make good decision for our children's education future.

**Candidate: Constance Asiedu**

**DBN:** 75X721

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

### **Applicant Background**

I am currently a member of the Bronx UFT Parent Outreach Committee and a Learning Leader. Previously I served on School Leadership Teams in three of my child's schools and as a Title 1

Representative in one school. I also served on the Community Education Council in School District 9 in the Bronx.

### **Personal Statement**

I am currently the Bronx Representative on the Citywide Council on High Schools. Representing over 120 High Schools in the Bronx has been challenging and interesting. Participating in District Leadership Teams, public hearing for school closures and co-locations, and attending Panel for Educational Policy meetings have all been part of my experience this year. I would be honored to serve as one the Bronx Representatives.

**Candidate: Mary Joyce Beckett**

**DBN:** 10X213

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

### **Applicant Background**

I have served as PTA President for my son's middle school for two years in the past and I am currently serving as the Title I Representative at the highschool that my son attends, he is a 10th Grader. Upon him entering BETA highschool I was the Secretary of the PTA. In addition I have served on the SLT of my son's middle school for 3 years and currently at his highschool for the past 2 years. My son's elementary schooling was in the borough of Manhattan. During this time I was elected as a parent on the CEC in District 4 for a period of time.

### **Personal Statement**

I am a very proactive parent in the education of my child as well as his peers. I believe all children deserve quality education and as parents we must strive to make sure they attain that. I have been involved in my son's schooling from daycare to elementary to middle school to high school and looking forward to college. We as parents must play an active role in our children education because each and every one of us influence our children and our teachers. If elected to the CEC I will continue to dedicate myself to strengthening parent involvement to support student achievement.

**Candidate: Marcelo Chavarria**

**DBN:** 11X265

**IEP/ELL:** IEP

**Applicant Background**

I have been the PTA Vice President for Bronx Lab for the Last 3 years, as well as be involve in the School Leadership Team.

**Personal Statement**

I am a very strong believer in better education for our children. Is about them and their future.

**Candidate: Rashida Chowdhury**

**DBN:** 08X305

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

**Applicant Background****Personal Statement**

To get more involved in the child's education.

**Candidate: Evelyn Feliciano**

**DBN:** 11X544

**IEP/ELL:** IEP

**Applicant Background**

I have volunteer my services to my community with helping children to eat healthy while learning how to plant and harvest what they have grown. I am community parent leader for Leave It Better Kids Garden. I have been working with middle schools students. I was assign to five Schools by the CEC District 10 to go to PTA meetings and SLT meetings and providing information needed for parents. I've went to hearings and monthly meetings. This year I want to focus on High School Students. I want to work with getting more parents involve in our children's Schools. Teacher and students are in desperate need of help. I want to be the voice to make the impossible possible. I want the best for all children and our Schools Thank you, Evelyn Feliciano

**Personal Statement**

I believe I can try to make a difference in our Schools by providing much support to teachers and students when needed. I have a voice and I want it to be heard. Students need parents involve in their education. I work well with children. We are one and we are all in it together. The least I can do is try my best. I believe I can.