# **Citywide Council on High Schools - Queens**

## **Candidates**

**Candidate: Alleyne Jean Hughley** 

**DBN:** 28Q690

IEP/ELL: IEP

## **Applicant Background**

School-related involvement-Learning Leader for 9 years, 2 years as Parent Advisory at Blanch Day Care Center, 7 years as Parent Teacher Association/Parent Association (4 yrs elementary, 3 yrs middle school), 1 year Treasurer of Parent Association, 2 years 1 st Vice President on District 27- District Council of Presidents, 1 year as Treasurer on District 27-District Council of Presidents, 5 years Title 1 Representative-elementary, 2 years Title 1 Treasurer-middle school, 9 years School Leadership Team (5 elementary, 3 middle school, 1 high school). Community Related-2 years as a Board of Director for a community sports program (Team Deuce Sports Inc.). I belonged to NAACP Far Rockaway Branch. I belong to Eastern Star participate in the community Christmas Committee.

### **Personal Statement**

My name is Alleyne Hughley and I have been a volunteer and a parent advocate for over 13 years. I am empowered to affect the educational future of all students even though we are dealing with children with varying backgrounds, ethnicity, and socioeconomic. My motivation stems from seeing our students, parents and staff succeed and providing reassurance and support toward that success. I want input to the future of our children. I want to at least be able to say I was involved. My motivation is the success of the children. To see them develop, grow and achieve would make serving on the Council worthwhile. I feel I can truly make a positive impact on the future of all students, staff and parents. I know serving on the Council is the ultimate act of volunteerism.

Candidate: Jasmine Laverde

**DBN: 24Q600** 

IEP/ELL: N/A

## **Applicant Background**

I have participated in the Jet Blue's One Thing That's Green day after the tornado took out trees in multiple Queens neighborhoods. If I find out about any public community service events I try to participate.

#### **Personal Statement**

I am interested in being on the council because I am tired of hearing how our schools are losing government funding. It seems that there is a turmoil within schools and the parents are not being well informed about decisions made by either principals or the DOE collectively. The parent-teacher associations are great but limited to one school. I believe I can represent parents on a council efficiently and I would be proud to serve in this capacity.

Candidate: Ed Bratten

**DBN: 28Q310** 

IEP/ELL: N/A

## **Applicant Background**

I have served as a pta president, co president and tresurer in the past. I also served on the school leadership team for a couple of years and attended cec meetings regularly when my son was in elementary school. At ms 124q, I was often utilized as a chapperone on school trips and was well appreciated by the school staff.

#### **Personal Statement**

I have setved diligently as a parent volunteer and as past pta president and slt member. The cec members were familiar with my face as ibattended most meetings and brought back valuable information to the school population to share. I am also on the queens borough president's parent advisory board which meets monthly at borough hall. I am the cubmaster of pack 263 in queens village ny hoy scouts of america for the past 3 years and a den leader for the past 6 years.

Candidate: Richard A. Weinstein

**DBN: 26Q566** 

IEP/ELL: N/A

## **Applicant Background**

I help in all PTA matters in the school and do anything to help out in the schools everyday lifestyle.

## **Personal Statement**

I am able to do anything during the day during school hours. I would like to display my knowledge of helping others in the need.

**Candidate: Marva Maria Dudley** 

**DBN:** 28Q328

IEP/ELL: N/A

**Applicant Background** 

PTA Treasurer for the High School for Community Leadership; President of Parsons Beacon 168 Advisory Council; Recording Secretary for the NAACP (Northeast Queens Branch); Member of Greater Queens

Chapter of The Links, Inc.

**Personal Statement** 

As a parent I have always been active in my community and in my daughter's school. If there were one word to describe me it would be "committed". I am actually proud to say that I am one of those parents

that needs to be "in the know" and a parent that still wants to learn. As a new parent in the New York

City public school system, I am currently learning. I am passionate about my community and my daughter's education. With that being said, I hope that my application will be considered for the Queens

Citywide Council for High Schools.

**Candidate: Tyniera Hogan** 

**DBN**: 27Q400

IEP/ELL: N/A

**Applicant Background** 

Canvassing for democratic party, NYCHA tenant association advisor.

**Personal Statement** 

**Candidate: Beverley E. Stewart** 

**DBN: 26Q430** 

IEP/ELL: N/A

**Applicant Background** 

Serve in the office of Deacon at Dabar Bethlehem Cathedral - serve on the Children's ministry committee

as well as Lead Hear4U Ministry designed to mentor children aged 10-12. The ministry has been so

successful, the children opted to stay and the age limit has now been moved up to 16. Served as PTA Vice President at First Impression School in Brooklyn, NY

**Personal Statement** 

I am committed to touching children's lives for the better. I believe that it is my God-given responsibility to influence the next generation of young people for better, so that the negative they hear and see will not be able to penetrate the positive that we have surrounded them with.

**Candidate: Patrick Daniel Thompson** 

**DBN:** 30Q501

IEP/ELL: N/A

**Applicant Background** 

I have previously served as president of the PTA for the Marietta Charter School, Marietta, GA I have served on the school governance team for Marietta Middle School, Marietta, GA I was an appointed official on the City of Marietta Planning Commission, Marietta, GA I served on the Cobb County Council

for Children and Youth, Marietta, GA

**Personal Statement** 

I have over 20 years of experience investing in the lives of teenagers through non-profit work. This work has included working with educational, religious and community organizations. II have a desire to see our high schools effectively engage students in a proper academic, social, emotional and learning environment. I would be excited to serve on the council for high schools to see that all high school students have the best opportunity for success.

**Candidate: Laverne Swinton** 

**DBN**: 26Q415

IEP/ELL: N/A

**Applicant Background** 

I HAVE HAD CHILDREN IN SPECIAL EDUCATION AS WELL AS MY CLIENTS.

**Personal Statement** 

My children have attended New York City public shools since 1979 to the present. I have had many concerns about the system and the value of our childrens' education. My learning began in the public school system and continued through higher education. I have earned the degrees of Bachelor and Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Health Administration. The opportunity to partner with educators seeking to tranform the current school system to meet the needs of our future leaders is an

honor.

**Candidate: Lynette Michele Johnson-Piper** 

**DBN: 26Q415** 

IEP/ELL: N/A

**Applicant Background** 

I have been an SLT parent member for a total of 5 years. I had two years experience at PS/IS 268 and 3 years at IS 192. I am currently serving as VP of Fundraising for Benjamin N. Cardozo High School PTA. I

also served as VP on the PTA for PS/IS 268Q. I used to be an active parent participant at CDC 29 events.

**Personal Statement** 

I am a parent that believes in being a child's first educator. My desire is to create a strong parent/teacher relationships. Parents and teachers are a team and our children need us to be on one accord to propel our children into being successful leaders of tomorrow. Our children are the future and

it's OUR responsibility to help raise tomorrow achievers.

Candidate: Tania M. Quinteros

**DBN:** 30Q450

IEP/ELL: N/A

**Applicant Background** 

I currently work for an After School Plus Program in Jamaica, Queens (2007-Present)

**Personal Statement** 

I like working with children and help parents to be more involve in their children education.

Candidate: Vallerie Rivera

**DBN: 28Q310** 

IEP/ELL: N/A

## **Applicant Background**

Presently i participate in the following ,Queens Collegiate PTA President,Captain in the US Army Nurse Corps,Member or the NYC Medical Rediness Corps.

#### **Personal Statement**

This would be a great opportunity to contribute to the Public School system that I am a positive product of. Presently my three daughters attend the same High School and are doing well. This gives me an insight into what parents of High School student's needs are.

**Candidate: Efstratios Efstathiadis** 

**DBN:** 30Q501

IEP/ELL: N/A

**Applicant Background** 

**Personal Statement** 

**Candidate: Yanick Humphrey** 

**DBN**: 29Q498

**IEP/ELL: IEP** 

## **Applicant Background**

I currently serve on the PTA at Humanities and the Arts HS, I am on the SLT at PS 95, I am the co chair of the parent athletic association at Campus Magnet Complex. I am a Sunday School teacher at my church and Youth Advisor. I am a member of the Laurelton LIONS club and an Advisor to the Laurelton LEOS

#### **Personal Statement**

I was raised in the NYC school system and I have so much to offer to help our students succeed. As a mother of 7 daughters whom which all are currently enrolled in NYC schools, I have only the best interest of our schools for our children's future. I am a Licensed Practical Nurse. I am an active member in my church. I am an advisor to the Laurelton LEOS and I work with the youth in our community. Provide support and mentoring to the youth in the community at Laurellton Library. I work very close with the teachers principals and coaches at my children's school. I have great interpersonal skills as I am a team player

**Candidate: Nnenna Nwamaghinna** 

**DBN:** 26Q495

IEP/ELL: N/A

## **Applicant Background**

I am involved in the PTA in my children's elementary school, middle and high school.

#### **Personal Statement**

I would like to make a difference in how school activities are planned and run, especially ones that are geared towards educating and enlightening parents about how they can be a part of their children's educational experience. As a mother of seven children, I have a very unique insight to how parents can work closely with the NYC public school system. I have children in elementary school, junior high, high school and even college. My input will be one that is eclectic and I'll be able to identify with the problems and frustrations of parents, if any.

**Candidate: Denise Vazquez** 

**DBN: 24Q520** 

IEP/ELL: N/A

## **Applicant Background**

### **Personal Statement**

AS A PARENT OF CHILD IN THE BOARD OF ED I FILL THAT THE EXPERINCE I BRING BILINGUAL SPEAKING PARENT I COULD HELP WITH KIDS AND PARENTS THAT HAVE PROBLEM. ENGLISH OR SPANISH I COULD HELP THEM GET A CROSS WITH UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT NEEDS ARE.

**Candidate: Alex Lee** 

**DBN**: 26Q495

IEP/ELL: N/A

## **Applicant Background**

I WAS A MEMBER OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL FOR D25 FROM 2007-2010. I AM MEMBER OF SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM AT BAYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL SINCE 2010~CURRENT.

### **Personal Statement**

AS A FATHER OF THREE CHILDREN WHO ATTEND PUBLIC SCHOOL, I ALWAYS WANT TO HELP AND DEVELOP OUR COMMUNITY'S EDUCATION SYSTEM. I'VE ALSO BEEN TRYING TO SHARE MY TALENT AND

TIME WITH THE COMMUNITY SO I GOT SOME EXPERIENCES LIKE CEC AND SLT MEMBER. I BELIEVE THAT I CAN HELP OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL WITH THIS POSITION.

**Candidate: Aziz Elmrini** 

**DBN:** 30Q575

IEP/ELL: N/A

## **Applicant Background**

#### **Personal Statement**

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn" Benjamin Franklin. "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever" Mahatma Gandhi These quote reflects the way my life is lived and the personality developed by living this lifestyle. Education is priority number one in my live. I think that these two quotes can tell you so much about me and how essential is education for our children. We should all get involve in our children education because they are the future of our country. And don't forget that better education leads to better future. Aziz Elmrini

Candidate: Charm A. Rhoomes

**DBN:** 28Q690

IEP/ELL: N/A

## **Applicant Background**

For the last 5 years I am actively invloved in my children's PA/PTA and School Leadership Team board. My roles over the last years include not only the general education but also ESL students as well.

## **Personal Statement**

I graduated from the University of Phoenix with a MBA and Bachelors of Science in Marketing. I am also the PA president at High School for Law Enforcement and Public Safety and a member on the School Leadership Team. In addition, for two years I was the PTA and School Leadership Team Chair for Jamaica High School. My next journey is to obtain my Six Sigma certification which I will doing through my employer. During my spare I enjoy going bowling with my children.

Candidate: Yesenia Maritza Pauta

**DBN:** 30Q445

**IEP/ELL:** IEP

**Applicant Background** 

PTSA President at Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School PTSA Vice President of ways and Means at Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School St. Micheal Legal Center - Director of Program

Advancement A mother of four, with a child with an IEP plan who started services at the tender age of

about 8 months in early intervention.

**Personal Statement** 

I have over ten years of extensive experience in management, paralegal, child and community advocacy.

I am a very dedicated team player who believes in the essence of protecting and developing the rights

and needs of children.

Candidate: Yari Alvarez

**DBN: 24Q230** 

**IEP/ELL:** IEP

**Applicant Background** 

Mi experiencia siempre sera de gratitud a dios, porque en la medida posible he apoyado en la escuela que me toco, por el bien y desarrollo de los ninos y jovenes, y por ende de sus padres , ambos necesitan mucha ayuda , consejeria y motivar sus hijos para un exito optimo de sus futuros, tanto en disciplina como intelectual, y esencialmente, instar a los padres a

involucrarse en la educacion de sus hijos, ellos necesitan mucho amor y afecto, y sobretodo

padres que sean sus mejores amigos y confidentes, god bless u all =) ♥

My experience will always be of gratitude towards God because of the way I will be able to support the school I am assigned to. For the well-being and development of kids and young people; thus, for their parents, they both need a lot of help and counseling. They need to motivate their kids for a proper success in their future, alike in discipline and intellectually, and especially to encourage parents to get involved in their kids' education, they need lots of love and affection, and more than anything they need their parents to become their best friends and

confidants, god bless u all =) ♥

**Personal Statement** 

**Candidate: Cornel Anthony Cobourne** 

**DBN: 25Q285** 

IEP/ELL: N/A

## **Applicant Background**

In the past i have never sat on any Civic Activities. However, i am currently serving as a Minister of clergy, a member of the Board of ministers and a license New York State Chaplain in my community.

#### **Personal Statement**

I am interested in becomming a member of the education council. i strongly belive, that parents should be invole in children Education; the day to day decission regulations that the Department of Education Conclude on. If i am elected as a part of the Educational Council, as a Father of four children and a Uncle i would like to make a difference in New York State Educational system. Therefore, our Children should have a clearer understanding on a subject such as Math, There are many student that are struggling in this area we need to get a system that will work for them.

**Candidate: Agustinus Bambang Setiawan** 

**DBN: 24Q485** 

IEP/ELL: N/A

## **Applicant Background**

Math and ELA Tutor for K-12 Grades of NYC DOE Program through Champion Learning Center

#### **Personal Statement**

I want to share my valuable experiences in tutoring students K-12 Grades, including my 4 sons, how to solve their handicaps and how to optimize their potentials.