

## Community Education Council – District 12

### Candidates

**Candidate: Wanda Anne Rodriguez**

**DBN:** 12X691

**IEP/ELL:** IEP

#### **Applicant Background**

I am the parent of two special needs students. One of my sons attends our local public school, in the same school building which I attended many years ago. My elder son attends a special school on Long Island. I am involved with both of my sons' parent associations. I am currently the president of the Bronx Little School Parent Association and the Treasurer of the President Council for District 12.

#### **Personal Statement**

I am the parent of two special needs boys, aged 13 and 7. My younger son attends our local public school in the same building that I attended, many years ago. My elder son attends a special school on Long Island. During the recent bus strike, I was repeatedly misinformed by the Office of Pupil Transportation before I received satisfaction. Some of our special education students are falling through the cracks of our current system. I would like to be a voice for our most vulnerable children to make sure that they get everything to which they are entitled. Please select me to be your voice for the benefit of all of our children.

**Candidate: Catherine Baez**

**DBN:** 12X383

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

#### **Applicant Background**

I am a learning leader. I was in the PTA title 1 representative. I have helped do lunch duties. I interpret for parents who don't speak English. Help in other schools volunteer my services.

#### **Personal Statement**

I've been in the CEC for a couple of years. I've learned a lot while on board. I've also helped parents out. I love advocating for parents and students. We need to educate as many parents as we can they need to know their rights. If we don't advocate for our kids education who will? Our kids are the future so we need to fight for their rights and give them the best education they can get.

**Candidate: Ilka Rios**

**DBN: 12X050**

**IEP/ELL: IEP**

**Applicant Background**

I have been active in both of my children's school as every position in the PTA as well as volunteering. I have been a learning leader for several years. I'm very active within my community serving dinner on Wednesdays in my church. Helping to speak with women in the group. Wrapping gifts for needy families within the community. Helping the victims of Hurricane Sandy. Handing out food & clothes & also helping with the coat drives.

**Personal Statement**

I have served on this council for 2 terms & feel there is so much more for me to learn. I would be more effective by continuing to hand out the info to the parents and empower them more.

**Candidate: Sherominie Awatar**

**DBN: 12X691**

**IEP/ELL: N/A**

**Applicant Background**

I am currently the treasurer of the Bronx Little School Parent Association. I put in many hours volunteering in the school, particularly the lunch room.

**Personal Statement**

**Candidate: Hanna Gadsden**

**DBN: 12X318**

**IEP/ELL: IEP**

**Applicant Background**

I WAS A PART OF THE NOT FOR PROFIT ORG. DURING THE SUMMER TIME MONTHS AND HELP WITH COMMUNTING WITH PARENTS AND OTHER STAFF ABOUT DIRECTIONS TO AND FROM EVENTS AND GAME LOCATIONS.

**Personal Statement**

I WOULD TO BE A PART OF THE CEC BECAUSE I WANT TO PROVIDE AND ASSIST PARENT ABOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE EDUCATION BY LAWS AND OTHER PARENTIG CLASSES THAT COULD HELP PARENT BECOME BETTER PARENTS.

**Candidate: Lilliam Reyes**

**DBN:** 12X316

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

**Applicant Background**

I have participated in getting the community out to vote during election time. I also participated in The Walk for Breast Cancer.

**Personal Statement**

Parent involvement is key to a child's academic success. Therefore, we as parents must also try to serve in any way we can so that all children receive the best education possible.

**Candidate: Crystal Smith**

**DBN:** 12X050

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

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

My son's school is being phased out, its a sad time beacause all three of my children went to this school. They have had the best teachers during their learning process there. The current Principal Ms Nohavicka is great and she is making perfect strides to improve the school. She has total control of the school and all the kids love her. I hope she continues to be the Principal at the school once the phase out is completed.

**Candidate: DeJohn Jones**

**DBN:** 12X723

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

**Applicant Background**

PTA President

**Personal Statement**

I believe I can shed new light on an ancient problem. I work hard each and every day in my community and home to help keep a positive atmosphere. Im a driven individual who believes in getting the job done effectively. Child is what I specialize in, but most of all I am a product of the old PS system and therefore can help make change.