

## Community Education Council – District 5

### Candidates

**Candidate: Dianne Barr-Johnson**

**DBN:** 05M046

**IEP/ELL:** IEP

#### **Applicant Background**

I sat on the council CEC5 for the past couple of years. Working with parents who have children with IEP has been very rewarding in Dist 5 and as a parent I would like to continue to work in Dist 5 and continue to help all members of my community to get the resources and help they need. Help parent understand the role of IEP and help their child reach their goals.

#### **Personal Statement**

Helping parents understand the information of IEP and walking with them through the process also. Letting parents know all children have a chance, right to education, services. Help parent community. Process information that will support and guide our children to reach their goal. Let parent, foster parent, grandparent know they are not alone on this journey of education development.

**Candidate: Rashidah White**

**DBN:** 05M499

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

#### **Applicant Background**

Fresh Air Fund, College Prep Mentor; Harlem Village Academies, Math and ELA Tutor (General Ed), PTA at Frederick Douglass Academy, PTA at The Learning Tree Prep School, New York Urban League and New York Urban League Young Professionals.

#### **Personal Statement**

A dedicated parent, volunteer and true believer in the power of education, I would be honored to be given the opportunity to serve my community on the education council. I am a firm believer in the idea that the pursuit of education not only uplifts the individual but the community as a whole. I have and continue to devote much of my free time to giving back to the community at large and see the practice of giving as one of the most fulfilling aspects of the human capacity. Over the past five years I have volunteered with the Fresh Air Fund's College Prep Program, Harlem Village Academies, New York Urban League's HBCU College Fair and Young Women's Leadership Network. I am a proud member of the NYUL

and am passionate about education policy, as it relates not only to my son's future, but the economic and social success of entire communities. A true lover of people, I believe that each of us has a gift to offer the world. Education is the key to unlocking those gifts. If chosen to represent my community, I promise to take to council the collective concerns and needs of our community and never lose sight of who I speak for; our children. "It takes a village"

**Candidate: Ayishah Irvin**

**DBN:** 05M036

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

### **Applicant Background**

I am currently a member of the PA for PS 36 as well as a Learning Leader. I have served the past 2 years as a member of District 5 CEC

### **Personal Statement**

For the past 2 years I have had the pleasure of serving as the recording Secretary for District 5's CEC. I have had a chance to go into schools and see the things most parents don't get a chance to see. I want to continue to be an effective instrument to help not just my children but all the children of District 5. I want to continue to provide a voice for those that cannot speak and to emphasize what parents feel are the important issues for their children. I feel that with strong people on the CEC that we can continue to ensure a quality education is available to all children of the district. I believe together anything is possible.

**Candidate: Shamika Nicole Thompson**

**DBN:** 05M154

**IEP/ELL:** IEP

### **Applicant Background**

I am currently a member of the School Leadership Team at The Harriet Tubman Learning Center. I Discuss the needs and concerns with parents, and effectively ensure parent's rights are implemented. I assist Teachers on outdoor events, and on campus fundraisers. I am very active on the Parent Association on the local and district levels. I am also involved in community outreach. I am certified in peer mediation and crisis intervention.

### **Personal Statement**

I am passionate about the rights of parents and children. I believe that parental engagement is not only helpful to the school but the parent community also. I look forward to working with parents, exchange idea's, discuss concerns and find posiive soulutions. My goal is to do all that I can to show parents how

to help our children to reach academic excellence. I understand collaboration; therefore working effectively as a team will produce well rounded, hardworking successful children.

**Candidate: Leslie S. McDonald**

**DBN:** 05M154

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

**Applicant Background**

Parent volunteer for PTA, 2 years Vice President, one year President, I've had the honor of giving parents art workshops, parent luncheon, and holiday dinners, parties for our children and many school fund raisers. I've worked for education reform, chartered schools and I helped canvass for elected officials. I've been to just about all meetings in the last 3 years for parent/teacher conference to the parent coordinator meeting in other boroughs, so I look forward to working with other parents under or above. Thank you.

**Personal Statement**

Well I would love to keep up with the education which is provided for my daughter, plus other children and it would give me a chance to move up as far as statues because I've already served my time in public schools, now I will be part of the middle school so it's good to be in the loop of things plus I want to make a difference.

**Candidate: Ronnie Goss**

**DBN:** 05M367

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

**Applicant Background**

I was once on a Team Leadership Team

**Personal Statement**

**Candidate: Junique Saunders**

**DBN:** 05M469

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

**Applicant Background**

## **Personal Statement**

All children need Identity, Purpose and Direction

**Candidate: Ardis Penny Carlos-Alim**

**DBN:** 05M410

**IEP/ELL:** IEP

## **Applicant Background**

I organize and execute monthly community networking events for a cause. The events I organize are to provide positive exposure to 'women in business' and they include charitable drives for items that we donate to local shelters. I would like to help rebuild our school system and assist with creating positive educational and recreational outlets our youth. I believe today's teen is tomorrow's leader, how do we want them to lead is us -- the guidance and best practices we display. We need to find ways to "relate to and innovate" our youth. In my daily professional career, I am a communications specialist at JPMorganChase and have been employed with for over 20 years. I just organized a young women's empowerment movement called "YoungMissCEOs, Inc." to help empower and enhance the minds of young females.

## **Personal Statement**

Ardis Carlos-Alim is the CEO and Founder of YoungMissCEOs, Inc., a young womens empowerment movement and a communications liaison for young women, assisting them as their life coach, mentor and motivational speaker. Ardis' corporate title is Media and Communications Specialist at JPMorgan Chase, in previous roles she has been known for being an Executive Assistant extraordinaire, Assistant Chief of Staff and an Events Planner. Ardis' corporate responsibilities include editing bios, travel and event briefs and coordinating photography sessions for executive committee members. She also schedules large town halls, employee engagements, events and loves updating content on her LOB's internal website. Ardis is a member of Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York Women in Communications, Inc. and New York Women's Chamber of Commerce. Her communications training began in high school as a journalism major and drama minor; she plans to continue on for a Masters Degree in Broadcast Journalism and Political Science. Ardis refers to herself as a "work in progress" meaning she is working to complete her goals as she coaches others with achieving their goals. She lives in New York with her two children.

**Candidate: Hope M. Scott**

**DBN:** 05M123

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

## **Applicant Background**

Parent Association President.

**Personal Statement**

Hello my name is Hope Scott, I am currently the Parent Association President at P.S 123M. My son Richard Patterson is currently enrolled here at P.S 123M. Being the Parent Association President I worked closely with parents to help them get the necessary information that they need to prepare thier children succeed in school.

**Candidate: Latica Lamar**

**DBN:** 05M499

**IEP/ELL:** IEP

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

I want to join the education council because I want help the children of NYC to have a superb education. Getting involved will help me be apart of the solution by not doing anything makes me part of the problem.

**Candidate: Jannie Bickley**

**DBN:** 05M030; 05M469

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

**Applicant Background**

I have been a learner leader for many years. I have been for many years a voice for parents rights to be true partners in their children's education. I devote my everyday life to this cause.

**Personal Statement**

My reason for wanting to serve on a community education council is because I feel that as a person that's been around in NYC public schools as an advocate for parent's rights that I could be very effective because I only have the best interst of the students and staff at heart.