

Community Education Council – District 7

Candidates

Candidate: Paulette Maria Williams

DBN: 07X065

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

Personal Statement

I am Paulette Williams mother of Jasmine Rivera who, is now 8 years old and is attending PS 65. I am deeply involved as a volunteer, PTA member and PS 65 elected member to the School leadership Team. I am an advocate not only for my child, but also for every student at PS 65 and community at large. I strongly believe that every student deserves a fair chance to enhance their education. However, we need to find a way to encourage and nurture parents to get involved in their children's education. As a community advocate, I attend the district 7 parent workshops where I have learned a great deal from the Common Core Standards, DOE Expectations, Parent Engagement, and Navigating the DOE just to name a few. I enjoy gaining knowledge from all these workshops and going back to share information with other parents in the school. I also work and assist other parents in the community with housing issues, domestic violence and assist them with job search. Students well being, health growth and safe environment it is important to me. IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD! I find that I need to be involved to another capacity. I decided to run as a candidate for the Community Education Council. Everyone who knows me can testify to the fact, that I am always committed and always present. I am willing to learn and commit myself to the role of CEC. It is up to you all to provide the opportunity I need to prove myself that I can do this. All it takes is commitment, responsibility and dedication. I get along well with others and know how to agree to disagree to the benefit of students. Give me a chance! Vote for me. You will not regret it! Thank you

Candidate: Jessica Borges

DBN: 07X065

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

Personal Statement

My name is Jessica Borges. I have a daughter in the first grade at P.S. 65x. I must say that previously I did not have time to be involved due to my working schedule. I am now available to volunteer my time. I attend PTA meetings at my daughter's school. I am running as a candidate for the Community Education

Council. I am open minded, and willing to learn. I want to make a difference in my daughters education and wish to learn to advocate on behalf of other students. This CEC nominations and election will offer the opportunity for me as a parent to advocate for her in any capacity possible. I would like for the community of school representatives to consider me for the CEC candidacy. I deserve a chance like any other parent. Thank You

Candidate: Alberto Mateo

DBN: 07X154

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

I have been an involved parent for the past 5 years. I took me at least two years to learn the roles, responsibilities and the commitment involved. I decided to nominate myself as a candidate of the Parent Association for Public School 154 when I had a little understanding. It was a challenge, but I learned how to advocate for my child's education a lot better. Presently, I am the PA president and meet with the executive board monthly to schedule out agenda for the monthly parent associations meeting and work closely with the Parent Coordinator and the school principal as a team. I volunteer in the lunch cafeteria and any other task that the principal would ask me to help with. I believe in advocating not only for my child, but for students with disabilities, and bilingual.

Personal Statement

I attend district-sponsored workshops such as Title I Parent Involvement Professional Development, Role of the School Leadership Teams, Common Core Learning Standards and Testing procedures to mention a few. At this time, I do not consider myself an expert. However, I continue to learn to become a better advocate on behalf of students, parents and community at large. I am nominating myself as a candidate to the Community Education Council because I feel that I am committed, dedicated, capable and ready to move forward to the next level. I am not worried about holding this position since I was informed that the department of education would provide the necessary training need to help me fulfill the obligations. Furthermore, I want to be a role model to other male fathers and encourage them to be involved in their child's education. I want to continue to learn, live the new experience, roles and responsibilities of the Community education council. I know it will be a challenge, but I am willing to the responsibility and commit to the community of students and parents. We need a change. Please, give me the opportunity. Vote for me. You will not be disappointed. Thank you, Alberto Mateo Father

Candidate: Hope Victoria-Rodriguez

DBN: 07X385

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

I have been a major part of the save ps 385 committee. I volunteer on a daily basis, working with a first grade class as well as assisting during lunch.

Personal Statement

The children are our future. There are children who cannot speak up for themselves and I plan on speaking on their behalf. Children are the most important priority in life and we should make sure they get all the help needed to succeed.

Candidate: Tracey Alecia Woodall

DBN: 07X001

IEP/ELL: IEP

Applicant Background

I am an active parent in my community. I currently serve as a member on Community Board 1, I am the newly appointed Chair on the Neighborhood Advisory Board, I am a Learning Leader, and a certified facilitator for EPIC (Every Person Influences Children). I am a proud parent advocate. I feel it is very important that parents have a strong voice when it comes to our children. I bring information to the parents in my community because in my district, our children's needs are not being met and our parents need to be empowered to advocate for their children.

Personal Statement

Serving CEC 7 has been the most rewarding job I've ever experienced. It's nothing like seeing the face of a parent that have been given the run around in their child's school when it comes to their education and they come to our office and finally get their needs met and their child properly placed with the resources they need to better serve that child. I've experienced schools phased out, programs being cut, special education neglect, and disconnect between some principals and parents to the point where our parents felt helpless when it comes to getting help for their child. I continued to advocate and fight for my parents by taking issues to the news and media and speaking out for those parents that could not speak for themselves. I am that parent that was given the run around, I was that parent that was feeling shutout because I asked the right questions in my child's school, I was the parent that did not get resources for my child as an IEP parent. Not anymore. Knowledge is Power.

Candidate: Norma Reyes

DBN: 07X154

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

I am a Learning Leader's volunteer in the school. As a volunteer I assist in the cafeteria with the students, in the classroom reading to students and attend monthly parent association meetings. This year 2012-13 I was elected by parents to the school leadership team. As an elected member to PS 155 school leadership team I just recently began to attend district sponsored workshops for parents. I just completed school leadership webinar at the district office Part I, II and III of the school leadership team.

Personal Statement

I am Luis Sanchez, class 5-334 at public school 154. My son has perfect attendance from kindergarten through fifth grade. I am an involved parent who pays attention and assure that he completes homework assignments, study and is on time to school daily. I do not have much experience other than the school leadership team, parent association monthly meetings attendance and just began to attend district webinars because the PTA president invited to attend. I find that attending these workshop has contribute to my gain more knowledge of how to bring my concerns to the table as a parent and be part of the decision making. I will do my best to represent Public School 154 and the community at large to another level if I was to get elected to the CEC. Honestly speaking, I do not have a degree and I am not an expert but I am willing to learn as I go. Thank you Ana Reyes Mother of Luis Sanchez at PS 154

Candidate: Sonia Gutierrez

DBN: 07X369

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

I have been a member of the SLT for 3 years. I have served as Vice President of the PTA for one year and held the office of treasurer for another. Have also participated in school workshops and have worked with senior citizens during community elections

Personal Statement

Education is very important not just for my children but for the community at large. I believe that parent must be involved in all aspects of their children education. We need to find new venues to involve parent. We need educators to find new solutions in enhancing education.

Candidate: Shauntee Latrice Byron

DBN: 07X029

IEP/ELL: IEP

Applicant Background

I am greatly involved in my child's school with both the administrative staff as well as the teaching staff. I offer ideas that I think are effective as well as helpful to the students, in hopes of them meeting their academic requirements.

Personal Statement

I am parent first and foremost to my children, I have one in seventh grade, and one entering Pre-K this September, I'm a public servant for the City of NY. As stated earlier, I am greatly involved with staff at my daughter's school and would like to get even more involved. I believe that it is imperative for us as parents to develop a partnership relationship with our educators in our children's school and get involved, rather than complain, get involved, you can't seek change or complain, if you're not part of the change.

Candidate: Akilah Butler

DBN: 07X005

IEP/ELL: IEP

Applicant Background

I volunteer in the community center in my building where my daughter attends after school and summer camp. I help take the kids on trips, serve food, clean up and with any extra help needed. I also have some kids in the community who turn to me for support some adopted and feeling unloved and I try to keep their spirits up. I voluntarily support the kids in my neighborhood on my own when I am free because I have a good heart and I want them to see life in a different form and not from a street mentality.

Personal Statement

I am a concerned parent who wants to stand up and fight for a better education for our kids so they can have a better chance at success. Our children are losing interest and we have to pull them back to our classrooms. My kids don't have the same opportunities that I had when I was their age in school. I am willing to go above and beyond to fight for my children and others it takes a neighborhood to raise our kids.. I am friendly kids love me and I'm always there to listen and lend a helping hand.. Children feel because they don't have the latest or they live in the projects that they are nobody it's up to us as adults to let them know they are stars and it's time to shine.. I am on both sides I have a kid who loves school and I have a child who feels teachers don't care I am a perfect person to pick because I speak from personal experiences. We need to do more and be involved more and I'm willing. Thank you

Candidate: Danielle Poole

DBN: 07X031

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

PTA School Leadership Team

Personal Statement

I'd like the opportunity to be a part of the Community Education Council, to use as a learning experience and to obtain information and the knowledge to help continue to move forward with education in my community. I'd like the opportunity to be a voice for those who feel they have none.

Candidate: Paulette Chevannes

DBN: 07X030

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

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Personal Statement

Candidate: Cynthia Robinson

DBN: 07X298

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

I HAVE BEEN A PARENT VOLUNTEER IN SCHOOL FOR THE PAST 26 YEARS. I HAVE FOUR CHILDREN AND TWO GRANDDAUGHTERS , I LIKE BEEN PART TO BE PART OF THIS PARENTS INVOLMENT TO FULL CAPACITY OF THE COMMUNITY. I BEEN A PTA PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, TREASURER IN ADDITION SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBER AND TITLE 1.

Personal Statement

THIS YEAR HAVE BEEN A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE FOR ME, AS A CEC MEMBER OF DISTRIC 7.I WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE MY EFFORT AS A PARENT TO ADVOCATE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS.

Candidate: Violeta Guevara

DBN: 07X001; 07X223

IEP/ELL: IEP, ELL

Applicant Background

PART OF PTA IN PS.5- SLT MEMBER-LUCH ROOM VOLUNTEER IN PS5- VOLUNTEER IN PS1-SLT MEMBER FOR PS1-TREASURE OF TITLE 1-CURRENTLY MEMBER OF CEC DISTRICT 7.

Personal Statement

i WOULD LIKE TO PUT IN MY TIME IN GETTING INVOLVE WITH ALL STUDENT-PARENT RELATED ISSUES.KEEP WORKING FOR THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY AS ELL MEMBER OF CEC7.

Candidate: Lanell Russell

DBN: 07X223

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

Personal Statement

I want to serve on the Community Education Council for District 7 because I want to be an education policy advisory body responsible for reviewing and evaluating schools' instructional programs, approve zoning lines and advise the Chancellor. I want to play an essential role in shaping education policies for New York City public schools. I want to be one of the nine elected parent volunteers who provide hands-on leadership and support for my community's public schools. I feel I would be an effective council member because I would love to be a part of holding meetings every month with the superintendent and public to discuss the current state of the schools in my district.

Candidate: Keith Bonney

DBN: 07X065

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

This is the first time that I volunteer in my daughter school. I am a single father with custody and want to be involved as much as I can in order to become a better advocate and learn to navigate the educational system. At this time I attend District Sponsored Workshops and PS 65 parent workshops that are beneficial and support parents in academics.

Personal Statement

As mentioned above my name is Keith Bonney. A single father raising one of my children. I strongly believe that I need to learn to navigate the educational system in order to advocate for my child. Honestly speaking, I decided to run as a candidate to the Community Education Council (CEC) to motivate, nurture and encourage other fathers like me to get involved. I feel that education is the backbone of the community and we need to support and engage ourselves in order to support student's in the school and the parent community. I do not have much experience, but it is my understanding that I do not need a High School Diploma, nor Master Degree , I am willing to commit and dedicate myself.i am responsible, reliable and willing to learn.i will very much appreciate your support in voting for me. Thank you. Keith Bonney

Candidate: Love Alexa Andujar

DBN: 07X224; 07X369

IEP/ELL: IEP

Applicant Background

I am a member of the PTA at PS.369 and MS 224. I serve as an active member for the School Leadership Team at MS 224. I assist both schools during the daily recess periods for kindergarten and 1st grades. My duties consist of assisting children with school lunches and help staff supervisors to watch children during their play period. I volunteer for projects initiated by the Parent Coordinators such as Parent Surveys, PTA Conferences, and Parent Workshops. Throughout the year, I also assist the both administrative staffs and teachers in children's activities during the course of the school year. I have also been officially certified as a parent member for special education

Personal Statement

Good Evening, My name is Love Andujar. I am the mother of two children who attend school District 7, Bronx New York. My 12 year old daughter is a 6th grader at MS 224. My 7 yr old is a 2nd grade IEP student at PS 369. I am an active member in the PTA in both schools. I serve as an elected member of the School Leadership Team at MS 224. I am applying for the CEC to be more involved in school parental matters and community affairs. In addition, I have completed a training to become a certified Parent member for special education. I strongly believe in parent involvement in our schools. It is essential to be informed, have updates and share information with other parents that might have the same concerns. I consider myself a quick learner. I attend the Parent Workshop sponsored by the District Superintendent. I look forward to working with my fellow parents in district in the hopes that we can recruit more parents involvement in our community to enhance our children's success and education Thank you for your consideration, Love Andujar

Candidate: Noemi Lizardi

DBN: 07X277

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

I am the PTA president in PS 277. As an elected member of the Parent Association we learned to work as a team. We meet as an executive board to discuss the agenda that will take place month by month. In addition, we bring parent workshops such as Special Education workshops, parenting workshops, job hunting workshops in order to support parent involvement and children's education. We provide information on parent's rights and student's rights. I am Learning Leader certified volunteer. In addition, I assist and volunteer in the school cafeteria for breakfast and lunch, answer the telephones and assist parent at their request with any issues. I also volunteer in the classroom at the request of the teacher for extra support in reading.

Personal Statement

i am Noemi Lizardi , the mother of Cherry L. Isaac who attending the 3rd grade at PS 277. I am the PTA president at PS 277. I have been a volunteer for the past 12 years in all levels of education: Special Education, General Education and Bilingual Education. I am also a Learning Leader. We need to come together as parents to ensure that our children's receive the best education. It is important to me to get parents involved and share information. We need to collaborate positively and come to terms with the school administration in order to build the bridge of communication that would benefit our students . At this time, I nominate myself as a candidate to the CEC elections to gain more knowledge in navigating the system in order to become a better advocate. I am familiar with the roles and responsibilities of the Parents Associations, and School Leadership Team. I am sure that those responsibilities are no difference for the CEC. I give my word as a CEC candidate that i will commit and offer time and dedication to the community at large. I truly hope that the school's parents association trust and consider me as candidate for the CEC. Thank you. Noemi Lizardi