

Citywide Council on English Language Learner

Candidates

Candidate: Margarita Martinez

DBN: 04M206

IEP/ELL: IEP; ELL

Applicant Background

Volunteer PTA President at PS112 SLT member Former DLT member Former President of the Presidents' Council Currently CEC4 1st Vice President I am knowledgeable in Special Education and English Language Learners

Personal Statement

My name is Margarita Martinez. I am a part of the District 4 school community. I have 2 children in District 4. I would like to continue as a CEC4 member because as you may know the assistance and services that our families need cannot be provided in a limited time period but it is on going. I would like the opportunity to continue serving the children and families in District 4. The DOE rules and regulations are constantly changing, as parents we need to understand our rights and responsibilities and our children's rights and responsibilities. Such as involvement in our children's education and our own personal growth as advocates for our children. I am dedicated to advocating for this community in many different aspects such as Domestic Violence and Immigration matters to name a few.

Candidate: Muneer Abualroub

DBN: 21K101

IEP/ELL: ELL

Applicant Background

I have no experience in any related school activities, but during the past 30 years, I raise 9 successful children, 4 children already graduate college, 1 just start college, 4 in elementary schools. And I teach many New Yorker to speak Arabic.

Personal Statement

My name Muneer Abualroub, my friends calls me "Alex". In July 1984 I arrived at the JFK airport (NY) I was 21 years of age, I came to the United States looking for better life and brighten future. I don't speak English, I don't know anybody, I have nowhere to go and I have \$100 in my pocket. For the first couple of years, I slept in Grocery store basement with mousses sharing my mattress; I worked 15 hours 7 days a week for \$150 weekly salary, till I set up my goals and direction. Now a day, I'm the owner of small business with 18 employees. To make my dream come true, I attend a collage and I obtain my first

associate degree in of arts in business, in December 2012 I graduate with bachelor degree of science in business. At this moment, I'm getting my MBA in human resources expected to graduate in November 2013.

Candidate: Gentiana Xhavara

DBN: 24Q199

IEP/ELL: ELL

Applicant Background

I have not attended any school related, community or civic activities.

Personal Statement

I am a mother of two wonderful girls. Rooted in our family traditions, I and my husband are really dedicated to endow our kids with sound moral and personal values and to strongly support them in their education. We are relatively new to this great country, and we really appreciate all the possibilities that this country offers especially to young generation. However, my personal impression is that the education system is somehow not giving the parents the options to support their kids with education. While I really appreciate teachers' professional work, I strongly believe that parents should be given the possibility to have subjects text books, so they can help their kids home, particularly when your child is an English learner. Parents and society are important in a child education and I believe that we should further recognize parents' role in this process.

Candidate: Vitalina Rozenfeld

DBN: 22K206

IEP/ELL: ELL

Applicant Background

Summer Camp Counselor Higher Education Instructor

Personal Statement

Working with the parents in our community, and based on the continuous needs assessment, I will strive to expand our children's access to optimal educational resources. I can be the link between parents' priorities and educational programs that help our children realize their true potential.

Candidate: Awatef Ibrahim

DBN: 30Q234; 30Q235; 30Q450

IEP/ELL: ELL

Applicant Background

I am currently vice-president of CCELL and attend CPAC meetings. I am also active in all three schools my children attend. I am vice-president of the PTA at PS234, PA secretary at IS 235 and PA secretary at LIC HS.

Personal Statement

I joined the CCELL because I have three ELL students who just attended NYC public schools for their first time last year. They were raised overseas and didn't study English as their first language. I was the opposite and raised here and am fluent in English and do my best to help them and those in my community who have parents who don't speak English at all.