

Community Education Council – District 16

Candidates

Candidate: Persis C. Flor

DBN: 16K628

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

Restarted the Wellness Committee, part of the PTA and volunteer to read during ALS.

Personal Statement

Candidate: Mary Elizabeth Jackson

DBN: 16K308

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

cec district 16 for 2 years 2011 - 2013 pta president 2011-2012

Personal Statement

i am the guardian / grandmother of a 7th grader at ps/is 308. I have two other grandchildren that graduated from ps/is 308. I was educated in district 16 grades k thru 9th grade. I am a retired respiratory therapist of 36 years, and the mother of three children all educated in district 16.

Candidate: Princess Andrea Airhiavbere

DBN: 16K021

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

I am member of a non profit organization and we conduct a program called Emerging Young Leaders for young girls from the grades 5 to 8 grade. We conduct monthly programs to highlight different aspects of life, career and health. I am a newly placed coach for a cheerleading coach of the Brooklyn Titians Youth League.

Personal Statement

As a parent of pre-teen and a toddler it is important to be vocal and present when it pertains to their education. New York City is a beacon of hope for any person that has the chance to be a resident. We have the opportunity to be the elite of the country but we need to work together to make it happen. As a candidate for the Community Education Council, I will represent the families that aspire to see the success of their children and the city. I hope that I will be allowed the chance to serve the NYC Department of Education and the CEC's.

Candidate: Tanya L. Channell

DBN: 16K628

IEP/ELL:

Applicant Background

Since 2011, I've volunteered with the PENCIL organization to partner with a principal of a NYC public elementary school to facilitate a program wherein participating 5th graders learned the basics of financial literacy. I am also a volunteer with Junior Achievement and Operation HOPE to provide instructions on financial literacy to NYC public school students during specific times of the year. Also, I am a volunteer tour guide with the NYC 9/11 Tribute Foundation.

Personal Statement

Candidate: Anna Kelly Shenk

DBN: 16K628

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

My professional background is in Communications however I had the privilege of coordinating a church-based afterschool program in Crown Heights, Brooklyn for one year, which provided me with a much better understanding of educational opportunities and challenges in Brooklyn. Having served as a Class Parent at Brooklyn Brownstone School this year has provided further understanding and exposure to District 16.

Personal Statement

I am so grateful to have a child in District 16's Brooklyn Brownstone School. It is an outstanding school that provides real opportunity for our children. If I were to serve on the District 16 Community Educational Council, I would work to ensure that all our District 16 schools are thriving and that each child has the opportunity to succeed as a student and in life.

Candidate: Felicia Alexander

DBN: 16K262

IEP/ELL: IEP

Applicant Background

I am currently the vice president for CEC 16. I have a son with an IEP.

Personal Statement

I am a concerned and dedicated parent. My children's education is of the utmost importance to me. I have already served on the CEC for district 16 so I am aware of the time and commitment needed for it. I also have a respect for the responsibility that comes with serving. My goal is to get more parents involved in their children's education and coming together as a community. We have a voice and we need to utilize it for our children. I hope to be able to serve this community again.

Candidate: Crystal Brown

DBN: 16K627

IEP/ELL: IEP

Applicant Background

Parent teacher association secretary and class parent leader.

Personal Statement

Candidate: Cherylann Welch

DBN: 16K627

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

I have had the pleasure to play an instrumental role as Parent Leader from 2006 to present. I have held the role as Vice President and President for the past two consecutive years for MS 354 Middle School PTA and sadly this is my last year as the President because my son will be graduating and moving on to High School. I am also currently District 17 President Council Recording secretary and have worked with vigorously with all teams to make an impactful change in our Middle School's academic development and personal development on a school and district wide level.

Personal Statement

As a parent leader, in attending the CEC, President Council and hosting my own PTA meetings, I have come to realize that our parents, students and community needs to be educated on the educational processes and how it coorelates with their ability to be prepared for college and career readiness. We need to continue to focus on developing innovative solutions to combat the challenges that our students face and create an atmosphere of knowledge sharing. As a CEC member, my goal is to promote and develop a "Best Practice" manual for our District, to locate tools that parents can utilize to effectively assist their students academically and socially such as Home Work Strategies, Internships and Test Strategies. We have to find effective methods of communication to outreach to our parents and promote parental involvement whether utilizing social media or workshops to meet their needs. As a single mother of five children and recent MBA grad, I understand that with a strong academic foundation anything is possible. I can vow if given the opportunity to serve on the CEC team, I will work vigorously to advocate and find solutions to meet our families and community needs.