

Community Education Council – District 17

Candidates

Candidate: Ann-Marie Marlyn Williams

DBN: 17K340

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

Personal Statement

I am Ann-Marie Williams, a proud parent of District 17 and have served on the PTA and School Leadership Team (SLT) of my children's school. I also serve as the President of Parents' Council and I am a member of the Chancellor Parent Advisory Council (CPAC). I am currently a CEC member and I am extremely happy to serve as a member for this magnificent school community. It gives me great pleasure to apply once again for this great opportunity to be involved in this community. One of my goals is to help and encourage parents to be engaged on behalf of their children in the school system.

Candidate: Latasha Nash

DBN: 17K006; 17K353

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

PTA Vice-President, Elijah Stroud Middle School (Sept. 2012- Present) SLT Committee Member, Elijah Stroud Middle School (Sept 2012- Present)

Personal Statement

As a child growing up I didn't have much, my father turned to drugs when I was about 11 years old. My mother, the provider that she was, maintained despite the odds. Being a pre-teen in a single parent household, proved to be a real challenge which in the end sculpted me into the person I am today. The plethora of information that kids have today was limited then, but as my grandma always said: You have to use what you have and make the most of it! The advice of my grandmother gave me the notion that I had to get "more". I appreciated school coming up because it provided me with "more". Education meant information which proves to be a very powerful asset toward long term goals. My need to be an effective parent leader emphasizes my quest to help myself and other parents obtain the key information that is needed to be instrumental in the lives of our children. I am a firm believer in "It takes a Village to Raise a Family"; the kids of today are considered my family. The road to overcoming adversities is long and far and if I can do my part to make it accessible, I could then breathe easy.

Candidate: Jean Eddy Gourdet

DBN: 17K770

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

Personal Statement

Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today. ~ Malcolm X Brother Malcolm's words are as true today the day he spoke them, and it is with these words in mind that apply for membership on the CEC. I am uniquely concerned & pulled to the educational goals & needs of the children of NYC. Specifically the children of Brooklyn & of District 17. I grew up in this district. I attended P.S. 167 & then I.S. 390 (Maggie L. Walker). I've lived almost my whole life in Crown Heights. I love the neighborhood, and I love the people. I am intent on helping our children succeed in whatever way I can. I feel close to them. I believe I understand many of the things the face, and how that affects their ability to learn & succeed in school. I also understand the way school has too often not served our children & our families. As I raise a daughter into adulthood, I commit myself not just to her education, but to that of her peers. All of our children deserve the BEST. Not just a "choice."

Candidate: Faguenston Gilsaint

DBN: 17K091

IEP/ELL: IEP

Applicant Background

I have served on the council of district 17 since September 2012. I am also a member fo the school leadership team since September 2011 at P.S. 91. My grandson is part of the special education program and i want to contribute my time and effort to make his time in that program as successful as possible.

Personal Statement

I want to serve on the community education council to be able to make a difference on the education of my grandson and the other kids in the district. I have leadership skills and other transferable skills which I can use to make a difference at the CEC level. As a community activist I can organize the parents to participate and engage in the decision process of the board of education.

Candidate: Kenneth Heyward Wright

DBN: 17K138

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

Current CEC member having served as presiding officer and 1st vice. Former PTA president, currently spearheading Father Initiative, and chair of the Charter School Co Location committee.

Personal Statement

Having served this district during this school year, I have gained valuable and trusted relationships with Principals, faculty, parent leaders. I've given considerable effort in analysis of the needs of our student population, and understand the need for intelligent decisions made in cooperation with our community for the benefit of our students. I believe my experience and continued effort and dedication will be of benefit to our district. I've learned from this district what kind of leadership is needed and wish to continue serving our parents and students. Thank you.

Candidate: Lettitia Elfreda Clarke

DBN: 17K316

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

i participate in my child's school's PTA, and i volunteer every friday and days that i have available.

Personal Statement

i want what is best for all the children in District 17. i believe that children are the future and as a parent my voice helps mold every child's path. As a parent i believe that my voice not only speaks for my child but for every child in the district.

Candidate: Kimberly Thomas

DBN: 17K002

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

I have been part of the PTA and Learning leader in Dist 17 for over 11 years. I am currently the Learning Leader at Parkside Preparatory Academy for over 2 yrs. now.

Personal Statement

Candidate: Tammara C. Johnson

DBN: 17K002: 17K167

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

I have been the Parent Association President at P.S. 167k for the past three years. During the 2011-2012 school year, I served as Vice-President of District 17's president Council. I have participated in countless activities, from the districts community feasts, to movie night, and spring dances at my childrens schools.

Personal Statement

I believe the Community Education Council is imperative to our district schools, and I think I would be a great addition. My eagerness to assist our school leaders, along with my desire to get the latest DOE information in order to help build a strong district are qualities that would support the phenomenal Education Council that sits in District 17.

Candidate: Nicole Job

DBN: 17K340

IEP/ELL: N/A

Applicant Background

I've served as an elected officer on the PTA, honing in on the rules and responsibilities of President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-President. I've also been a mandated member of the School Leadership Team as the PTA President and in the capacity of a parent. District Presidents' Council, Title I Committee / PAC Chairperson, Certified Learning Leader, and the Community School District Education Council.

Personal Statement

I would like the opportunity to continue supporting and advocating for my schools, families, and the community. I've served on the CEC for two years and understand what it takes to be effective in terms of time and commitment while honing in on helping to shape educational policies and priorities for the public schools in my district (Grades K-8 and High School). Representing the CEC in various capacities such as school visits, joint public hearings, lobbying in Albany, and meeting with elected officials to share the concerns that affect our schools and communities while building relationships and forming alliances across district lines.

Candidate: Cherylann Welch

DBN: 17K354

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.

Candidate: Tameka Monique Nurse-Carter

DBN: 17K705

IEP/ELL: IEP

Applicant Background

I have served several years as P.T.A. president when I participated on the school leadership team, in addition I was the PAC in my daughter school. I volunteered in and outside of my community as a parent advocate and parent leader for the CEJ. I volunteered my time for many years working in school with the general and special education population. I planned and implemented many parent workshop consisting of IEP Boot Camp, English Language Learners for students and parents. I am currently a member of BCID parent focus group. I currently serve as the Title 1 representative at my daughter school in district 17.

Personal Statement

As a parent of 4 children 3 of whom are in the public school system; I have served as P.T.A. president for several years in district 17 and currently the P.A. @ P53k in district 75. My goals has continued to be the same to serve the children, the parent and the community to be a beckon of strength and information to empower parents. This is my calling! I have several years working in my community along side parents and community advocates. I know the CEC goals are similar to mine; whereas making positive, realistic changes to empower parents with information are the prize that we reach for. I know that at this stage serving the CEC is what I need to do.

Candidate: Marvin Wheeler

DBN: 17K191

IEP/ELL: IEP

Applicant Background

As a father of 4 children who went to school in district 17, 2 kids are in college. I've been a parent volunteer at present PTA president, a district rep to CPAC vice president of CPAC learning leader member special education chairperson district 17. Also CEC 17 President CEC 17 Treasurer CEC 17 Palomentarian Member of SLT team PS 191 Vice President PTA PS 191 President of Hawthorn St Block Assoc.

Personal Statement

17 years of fighting for education for our children and parents and community. working with our state officials/holding them accountable to the peopole who mthey have been elected to serve. Stating clearly no child left behind.

Candidate: Stephen Kelly

DBN: 17K398

IEP/ELL: IEP

Applicant Background

I am a learning leader volunteer, Tutor and I do the print and web design for the P.T.A I have been fortunate to be a part of a school community that has many resources for Parents of children with special needs. I have had extensive training through workshops and classes. I have had training related to special education, IEP, Medicaid Service Coordination and various other topics.

Personal Statement

I am a parent of two disabled children and have had extensive training through workshops, classes and fifteen years of experience.