

Education has been my world for over forty years. As a graduate of both University of Maryland, College Park and Morgan State University and earning Administration and Supervision certification from Loyola University, the importance of serving children has never been lost on me. This journey began in 1971 in the Baltimore City School System. Over the many years, I have been an English and theater teacher in both Baltimore City and Baltimore County Schools, middle and high school levels, as well as an English chair and specialist in the Equity Office in Baltimore County Schools. Fused with this is the distinction of being a part of the original administrative team at both Carver Center for the Arts and Sudbrook Middle Magnet School in Baltimore County. Included on this path is the time spent as an instructor at both the University of Pittsburgh and Morgan State University. I have, also, served as the assistant principal at Randallstown High School and the principal at both Old Court Middle School and Randallstown High School from where I retired in 2012.

Other than a four year stint as an F.B.I. agent, and having been in education for close to four decades, I am acutely aware of the needs of our young people in this fast paced world where one must be nurtured from pre- k through high school to be ready for post high school choices and opportunities. Keeping that in mind, since retirement, I have worked tirelessly with the System's hierarchy, parents, other community stakeholders, and elected officials to bring equity and parity to the children in all the communities in this county. I continue to accept the challenge of doing something to make a difference in the lives of our children. **Our children are the gifts and the prizes for our communities if we remain engaged in their lives and education.**

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