

MIAEYC PERSONAL STATEMENT FOR THE GOVERNING BOARD

It has been a privilege to work as an early childhood educator for 19 years, with Detroit Public Schools. It has made me a better parent, educator, and person. I obtained my Bachelor and Master's Degree in Education from Wayne State University. I have a thorough understanding of child development and educating the "whole child." I believe that my experience and academic preparation would make me an excellent member of the governing board.

I operate on following rules and learning as much as I can about policy and procedure. I believe that creates an even playing field and promotes fairness. I realize how important it is to be a board member of any big organization. I am currently on the Board of Directors of My Place Center for Wellness. I could potentially affect change for the entire early childhood program across the state of Michigan. I can't think of a better way to give back to the profession that helped to shape who I am today!

I want to start advocating for equal funds per pupil throughout the state of Michigan, where I reside. The funding is extremely inequitable for students attending school in urban areas, versus suburban areas. We also have some of the lowest tests scores across all grade levels, throughout the state. Equitable funding will help students acquire much-needed technology, books, supplies, and infrastructure repair. I want to work closely with our state government to help make those changes a reality.

I also think it is important to choose more rigorous curriculum for the preschool classroom. If a child can learn a foreign language by the time they are four-years-old, why can't they learn to read? The curriculum wouldn't be for mastery, but introduction, and to activate prior knowledge. I believe that an appointment to the governing board, would allow me to continue to advocate for our youngest learners on the highest level possible.