

# MEET THE CANDIDATE

Participating on the GO Team can be a rewarding experience for all those who value the opportunity to make a difference in public education.

School name: **Therrell Health Science**

Candidate Name: **Tyronia Smith**

Please answer the following questions.

- 1) What has been your personal involvement with education in our community?

**I currently serve on the Local School Councils for Deerwood Academy Elementary School (3 years) and Therrell High School (1 year). I currently serve as chair of the Deerwood LSC and on the cluster planning team. Outside of those roles, I am at the schools several days each week volunteering in the classroom and beyond. I truly believe that our children are the future.**

- 1) Why would you like to serve on the Local School Governance Team (GO Team)?

**I believe that we need people to invest time and energy in our children's education to ensure that they have the best possible chance to succeed. It is not about having a title or position, our kids deserve people who care and are invested in them. A quality education and safe learning environment is key!!!!**

- 2) Describe your vision for our school.

**I envision a school where students are able to think critically and compete globally, so they are ready for college or career. I want a safe learning environment where students not only thrive but thirst for knowledge.**

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School name: **Therrell Health Science**

Candidate Name: **Joyce Grangent**

Please answer the following questions.

- 1) What has been your personal involvement with education in our community?

**LSC member**

- 2) Why would you like to serve on the Local School Governance Team (GO Team)?

**I would like to be part of the team that ensure that each student is afforded a quality education.**

- 3) Describe your vision for our school.

**I would like to see Terrell High be viewed as a high quality academic school, that works with each student based on skills and abilities.**

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School name: **Therrell High School**

Candidate Name: **Tiffani Barrett**

Please answer the following questions.

- 1) What has been your personal involvement with education in our community?

**I am parent that volunteers at both, Therrell and Bunche. I sit on their LSC board as well as PTSA. I volunteer at both schools approximately 20-30 hours a week. I no longer work so I spend my time helping improve education.**

- 2) Why would you like to serve on the Local School Governance Team (GO Team)?

**As a parent who has been a part of the school system, I believe I could help make decisions in the best interest of the children and community. I give a unique perspective of education having taught myself. Being an active parent in the school can help me with first hand knowledge of meeting the needs of the school and students.**

- 3) Describe your vision for our school.

**My vision for Therrel**

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Candidate Name: **Akwokwo Redhead**

Please answer the following questions.

- 1) What has been your personal involvement with education in our community?

**As a active Cascade community member, I have served as the Vice president of the SNAPPS organization for the last 8 years. I have worked to deliver equity in the south side schools in terms of quality of instruction and CAPEX. There is still more work to do to ensure that every child that enters D.M. Therrell High School can graduate and pursue career or college endeavors.**

- 2) Why would you like to serve on the Local School Governance Team (GO Team)?

**I would like to serve on the GO Team to ensure quality education and a quality high school experience for students that attend Therrell High School. I am a part of the Cascade Community and the future of our students is worth the commitment to serve to ensure a pipeline for success is maintained/ improved. Having 4 children that attend APS schools I along with my husband have a vested interest in making our community schools the best.**

- 3) Describe your vision for our school.

**My vision for our school is very simple. It is a place where every child can come to get a quality education that prepares the student for career or college. I believe that future leaders, teachers, doctors , lawyers, chefs, engineers, entrepreneurs are at DM Therrell. With the proper mix of quality instruction, exposure and expectations we can deliver the promise that Martin Luther King dreamed of.**

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School name: **Therrell High School**

Candidate Name: **Cynthia Dumas**

Please answer the following questions.

- 1) What has been your personal involvement with education in our community?

**I have served at the elementary, middle and high school level on the local school council, PTA's, and principal selection. I have volunteered at many school functions for students as well as teachers.**

- 2) Why would you like to serve on the Local School Governance Team (GO Team)?

**As a community resident I would like to serve to make sure our community students and families have the best interest at heart when decision are being made for our schools and community. I have grown up in this community and attended school at the elementary and high school level. I want to continue to be apart of my community school and make every effort to make sure we are not forgotten. A community is only as strong as it's residents who make up the community and I want to make sure I continue to stay involved.**

- 3) Describe your vision for our school.

**My vision for the school is to continue working with the current leadership at the school. The last 2 years I think we finally have an administrative team who work together with all stakeholders to build a strong place for education and community involvement. I attend a local church in the community and I have worked so hard to build a relationship to bridge the gap between community and church. My church is working with our school offering mentorships and community outreach and giving back.**

**I would like to see the school continue to grow offering community services like our GED program, Mock trials the students engage in, Engineering competition, and dual enrollment programs that are currently in place.**

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School name: **Therrell High School**

Candidate Name: **Erica McDonald**

Please answer the following questions.

- 1) What has been your personal involvement with education in our community?

**I read syllabi to ensure a rigorous curriculum is being presented to the students in each of my daughter's courses at D. M. Therrell. I schedule parent-teacher conferences and workshops on learning expectations, assessments and parenting issues. I voiced parent concerns and supports, being instrumental in ensuring children receive meals before games and water during. Participation in afterschool h**

- 2) Why would you like to serve on the Local School Governance Team (GO Team)?

**My involvement with the GO Team will ensure community members maintain a positive image of Daniel McLaughlin Therrell High School and its climate. My regular attendance at neighborhood planning meetings could be used as opportunities to perform a service to the school.**

- 3) Describe your vision for our school.

**Daniel McLaughlin Therrell High School will be an environment where students experience balanced literacy in all content areas so they are prepared to compete locally and globally.**