

LSCAB Candidate Statement (English)

Name: Erica Nanton

School: Southside Occupational Academy High School

This past year has been full of incredible challenges for our communities, schools, students, parents, teachers and staff. The truth is however, that so many of our communities, schools and families were struggling in various ways even before this pandemic began. As we work together to bring our schools and communities back to a safer and more healthy environment into the future we must not lose sight of the inequalities and challenges we still have to overcome that have existed long before the current challenges we face. What I bring to this role is several years of organizing experience with struggling communities locally, nationally and internationally. I've had the honor of working with students and community schools right here on the Southside of Chicago fighting for school equity, joining Chicago students together with students in Florida fighting against gun violence, to working with the Bermuda Union of Teachers in the Island of Bermuda. As a member of the Local School Council Advisory Board I will continue to bring forward the voice of the community in the following ways:

- Continue efforts to **increase LSC community and parent participation**. Including continued work with organizations that promote community, parent and student involvement.
- Working together with Community Stakeholders to **ensure proper education and information on transition plans** as we address the COVID pandemic and its impact on our schools through helping to **facilitate question & answer sessions and organizing public meetings that are available in both English and Spanish, as well as increased participation in community meetings with ASL interpretation**.
- **Encouraging continued efforts of students to bring their voices to our communities** by supporting student organizing groups and helping more students who wish to run for LSC as student representatives by sharing experience as a current LSC member and resources.
- **Bring the "UNITY" back in commUNITY** public schools, through creativity, art and collective planning that always centers and includes those with disabilities and diverse needs.

Together we can give our children the communities and schools we all deserve!

VOTE!! -Erica Nanton (LSCAB Community Representative)

Declaración de candidata a LSCAB (Español)

Nombre: Erica Nanton

Escuela: Escuela secundaria Southside Occupational Academy

Este año pasado estuvo lleno de desafíos increíbles para nuestras comunidades, escuelas, estudiantes, padres, maestros y empleados. Sin embargo, la verdad es que muchas de nuestras comunidades, escuelas y familias estuvieron luchando para sobrevivir aún antes de que comenzara esta pandemia. Mientras trabajamos juntos para que nuestras escuelas y comunidades vuelvan a un entorno más seguro en el futuro, no debemos perder de vista las desigualdades que aún tenemos que superar y que han existido mucho antes de los desafíos actuales que enfrentamos. Lo que apporto a esta posición son varios años de experiencia organizativa con comunidades en lucha a nivel local, nacional e internacional. Tuve el honor de trabajar con estudiantes y escuelas comunitarias en el sur de Chicago luchando por la equidad escolar, uniendo a estudiantes de Chicago con estudiantes en Florida que luchan contra la violencia armada, y trabajé también con el Sindicato de Maestros de Bermudas en la Isla de Bermuda. Como miembro de la Junta Asesora del Consejo Escolar Local, continuaré presentando la voz de la comunidad de las siguientes maneras:

- Continuar con los esfuerzos para **aumentar la participación de los padres y el consejo escolar local**, incluyendo el trabajo constante con organizaciones que promueven la participación de la comunidad, los padres y los estudiantes.
- Trabajar junto con las partes interesadas en la comunidad para **garantizar educación e información adecuadas sobre los planes de transición** mientras abordamos la pandemia de COVID-19 y su impacto en nuestras escuelas a **través de reuniones públicas disponibles en inglés y español, así como un aumento de reuniones con interpretación en lengua de signos americana (ASL)**.
- **Fomentar los esfuerzos continuos de los estudiantes para dar su opinión en nuestras comunidades** a través del apoyo a las organizaciones estudiantiles y ayuda a estudiantes que desean postularse para LSC como representantes estudiantiles compartiendo sus experiencias y recursos como miembro de LSC.
- **Traer UNIDAD a la comUNIDAD** en las escuelas a través de la creatividad, el arte y la planificación colectiva que se centra e incluye a las personas con discapacidades y necesidades diversas.

¡Juntos podemos darles a nuestros estudiantes las comunidades y escuelas que merecen!

¡¡**VOTE por Erica Nanton!!** (Representante de la comunidad de LSCAB)

LSCAB Candidate Statement Form

Name: Michael E. Brunson

School: Foster Park Elementary

Greetings,

My name is Michael E. Brunson.

I am a graduate of Chicago public schools and the proud parent of former students that have graduated from Chicago public schools. After earning degrees in Science and Education I taught for a number of years here in Chicago, in addition to serving on CPS local school councils.

As a professional educator, I am eager to contribute to the maintenance and improvement of our current school system; and contribute ideas for a curriculum that better serves our students, community and the city of Chicago.

The Local School Councils are an excellent example of participatory democracy; and a crucial forum for public voice, feedback, and positive suggestions to aid in the governance of our public school system.

I would be deeply honored to serve as a representative of that public and community voice.

