

# VOICES FOR LAKE WORTH BEACH SCHOOLS



## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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OCCUPATION	English Professor / Palm Beach State College
IF RETIRED - PAST OCCUPATION	
QUESTIONNAIRE	
ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH?	Yes
FOR HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT?	approximately four years
DO YOU HAVE A STUDENT (OR ARE YOU A STUDENT) ATTENDING A LAKE WORTH BEACH SCHOOL?	No
DO YOU WORK FOR/OWN A BUSINESS/NON-PROFIT WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH?	No
PLEASE NAME YOUR BUSINESS(ES).	I teach at the Loxahatchee and Belle Glade campuses of Palm Beach State College.
ARE YOU CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF A CITY COMMISSION/BOARD/CIVIC GROUP?	No
IF SO, PLEASE LIST THE GROUPS.	
DO YOU CURRENTLY WORK FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY OR ANY OF THE SCHOOLS IN LAKE WORTH BEACH?	No
IN WHAT CAPACITY?	
BRIEFLY STATE THE REASONS WHY YOU FEEL YOUR APPOINTMENT TO THIS COMMISSION/BOARD WILL BENEFIT THE SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH. (150 WORDS OR LESS)	Part of my contribution to this board will include helping our city craft (and foster already existing) K-12 experiences that improve the retention and graduation rates of our young people who choose to attend college. Additional contributions include assisting with the creation of success strategies for 1. students choosing to enter the work place after high school 2. assisting with parent involvement in their children's educational success 3. listening to the ideas of other commission members in an effort to create fruitful education strategies.

**WHAT EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE WITH SCHOOLS, ORGANIZATIONS, CIVIC GROUPS, OR CLUBS THAT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THIS COMMISSION/BOARD? HOW CAN WE BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO TRADITIONALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES? (150 WORDS OR LESS)**

I have over two decades experience in higher education and consistently see growing numbers of first year students underprepared for college level work. To address this, I have created multiple classroom and administrative strategies to help these students succeed at the college level. I would like to work with and listen to others on this committee to create activities that will provide K-12 students the same success.

Regarding the second question: combining listening to multiple perspectives/experiences of underserved communities with the skill sets of different City of Lake Worth Beach citizens will help us better serve the educational needs of underserved communities.

**THIS BOARD WILL MEET MONTHLY AND WILL REQUIRE THAT YOU ATTEND A SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING EACH MONTH AS WELL. ADDITIONAL TIME REQUIREMENTS MAY ARISE. ARE YOU WILLING AND ABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS ON A REGULAR BASIS? IF NOT, WHAT ARE YOUR LIMITATIONS? (150 WORDS OR LESS)**

I am am able to attend meetings during evening hours. Also, I would like to work with all the schools but if this is not possible Lake Worth High School would be my first choice.

**WHICH SCHOOL/SCHOOLS ARE YOU MOST INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)**

- Lake Worth High School (SAC meeting is at 6:00PM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month)