

# VOICES FOR LAKE WORTH BEACH SCHOOLS



## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## QUESTIONNAIRE

<b>ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH?</b>	Yes
<b>FOR HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT?</b>	3
<b>DO YOU HAVE A STUDENT (OR ARE YOU A STUDENT) ATTENDING A LAKE WORTH BEACH SCHOOL?</b>	No
<b>DO YOU WORK FOR/OWN A BUSINESS/NON-PROFIT WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH?</b>	No
<b>PLEASE NAME YOUR BUSINESS(ES).</b>	
<b>ARE YOU CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF A CITY COMMISSION/BOARD/CIVIC GROUP?</b>	No
<b>IF SO, PLEASE LIST THE GROUPS.</b>	
<b>DO YOU CURRENTLY WORK FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY OR ANY OF THE SCHOOLS IN LAKE WORTH BEACH?</b>	No
<b>IN WHAT CAPACITY?</b>	

**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)**

Currently, I have a educational background as a Highschool Chemistry & Biology teacher for Broward Public Schools. I have a passion for Lake worth students to maximize their access to education whether it be through school supplies, supporting local/federal/state public officials who support education, contacting administrators on my personal time to find out what they need, attend Erica whitfield education meetings, attend Palm beach school board meetings, or attending the Lake worth schools monthly SAC meetings. These are all of the actions I have taken in the past for the schools of Lake worth. There are private schools that need support too like "La escuelita" sponsored by the Guatemalan center. I am willing and able to take a more active, more public, and innovative approach to the challenges that arise with the public schools in Lake worth beach. I leave with some quotes. "Educations purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one." -Malcolm Forbes. "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." --Nelson Mandela

**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 started out as a math tutor working for Kumon learning center at 15 years old until 18 years old. Then when I was in college, I worked as a substitute teacher working at every grade level throughout the preschools, elementary schools, middle schools and high schools. Then when I graduated with a bachelors degree, I became a full time Science teacher at the high school. I have worked at title one schools which are schools for the underserved communities. I am from a underserved population and I am latina. I am originally from Venezuela. Si, hablo espanol. I have served in Healthier Lake worth in a underserved community called Whispering Pines. Currently I volunteer with Lake worth middle school and Lake worth high school. There are so many ways to respond to underserved communities. First you have to meet them where they are at, develop relationships with the community, and find out what they need. From my research, talking and meeting with several school officials from Lake worth middle school and Lake worth high school, I already have a long list of ways we can respond. I was getting myself involved with Lake worth middle and high schools before the educational board started and before I met Erica Whitfield. Since this is 150 words or less, I will list the top three, 1. Mentorship for students for sports, career, artistic abilities, life, cooking, financial, learning english, etc. 2. A lot of School supplies!! 3. Infrastructural repairs needed for LW High. Of course, money, grants, aid, and private donations are necessary as well. There are a lot of amazing children and teens that need encouragement to reach their potential. I would love to help out in that process of the student reaching their potential by being part of the LW educational board. It takes a village to raise a child and we have a great village in the City of Lake worth Beach.

**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)**

Yes I have been informed by Erica Whitfield that the board meets on a monthly basis and I had been attending in the past whenever Erica was hosting them. Thats how I found out about the Educational board. Yes I am willing and able to attend meetings on a regular basis.

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

- Lake Worth Middle School (SAC meeting is at 6:00PM on the 1st Tuesday of the month)
- Lake Worth High School (SAC meeting is at 6:00PM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month)