

Region 2 Candidate
Teri L. Gilmore
Child Development Professional

Education

Peabody High School Diploma
CCAC Associates of Science General Studies & Pedology (Study of Children);
IUP Bachelor of Science Child Development & Family Relations/CDFR;
CCAC Certificate Minority & Ethnic Studies;
PITT Master of Science' Applied Developmental Psychology/ADP;
University of Oxford Certificate of Residency Childhood Education
Pennsylvania Women Work Certificate of Completion

Work Experience

40yrs Childhood Development Expert: Center Care Ctr Pre-K, Registered Family Child Care;
Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Supervisor-Monitor;
Office Child Development & Early Learning (OCDEL) Think Tank;
Childhood Development BoDs;
Childhood Development Advisory Councils;
Community Program Development Involvement
Conference Speaker Domestic & International

Community Involvement

Created Braddock Playground Recreation Education Program; Braddock Family Swim & Recreation Program; Spreading the Word Children's Ministry; A Day of Caring & Sharing; Braddock Pop-Up Book Event; LIONS Mon River Fleet; Mon Valley Diversity Inclusion Oversight Commission; Greater Valley Coalition Against Violence/GCAV

Why are you running for School Board?

I am running for WHSD School Director; To be an asset in the decision making of the overall Educational direction of WHSD. The direction begins by meeting the needs of the Children, Families, Staff, Committees and Communities served!

Why is quality public education important to you and your family?

Quality Education is important for the future of our Region, County, State and Nation. Children need to be prepared to be educated adults with qualified & mature skill sets; Social, Emotional, Cognitive, Physical, Language, Literacy & Arts. I know the importance of Curriculum, Staff supports, and Strengthening School to Community relationships and their benefit for our WHSD children's overall development and success.

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What are 2-3 strengths of WHSD you would work to support & maintain?

I will augment reinforced commitment to the overall success of WHSD Children, Families & all Staff and Knowledgeable School Board Directors. I will build on the strength of the diversity of WHSD.

What are 2-3 challenges WHSD is facing and what potential solutions do you have for those challenges?

As much as diversity is our strength, strength undisciplined can become destructive. Again I would build on diversity; with an emphasis on families, culture, race, and religion. Another challenge facing our nation is violence. Let's first hear the voices of our students and then form alliances with child centered; not popular; entities/orgs and develop solutions. Additionally and not least, we must address the effects of poverty. Why? Because poverty diminishes all of us in various ways.

When faced with conflicting interests, how would you find balance between stakeholders (teachers, administrators, parents, community members, students, Board members) and make decisions?

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Explain the role the school board should play in determining the curriculum and what is taught in the classroom.

I believe the School Board should be involved in every aspect of WHSD including the curriculum. Our role would be to understand the values of the communities served; families, culture, race, and religion; and then link that knowledge with the overall direction of the Country and the Global World. Consequently, a School Director should utilize an informed opinion on curriculum and all other decisions.

If elected, at the end of your term, what lasting impression would you hope to have left behind?

When elected I wish to leave my footprints in the hearts and minds of those served; trajectories of awareness, love, compassion, hope and inspiration!