

## At-Large Representative Nomination Acceptance

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Hamilton Township School District

My career in education has been based on serving students from diverse backgrounds with varying needs. I can speak to the challenges I've faced from the perspective of a teacher, school principal, and now a district leader. Throughout my work in these roles, I have participated in, and led Professional Learning Communities, Data Protocols, and Curriculum Writing Teams. I am a passionate and reflective practitioner who believes in understanding what is at the core of a problem, before planning solutions.

I am currently enrolled in a doctoral program at Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey. While in this program I've already collaborated with a cohort in courses which include Leadership Theory, Conducting Action Research, Diversity in Educational Administration, and Changing Organizations. The research and work I've completed in this regard provide me the opportunity to share theory and frameworks for effective and long lasting change. Working with a professional cohort, has given me the opportunity to understand how my background and experience can contribute to collaborative learning experiences.

I have a degree and background in Social Work. This has helped me understand human behavior and its impact on collaboration and planning. My work with families gives me perspective about the challenges many of our students face. If accepted, I look forward to actively contributing on these, and other relevant topics, in discussions during Harvard's Institute for Superintendents and District Leaders.