

Michelle Frazier

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Hello Todd,

I am submitting my application to run for the position of Specialized Director of the Magnet Schools of America Board of Directors. My position as Magnet Coordinator in the Chicago Public Schools has prepared me to support the mission and vision of Magnet Schools of America to expand, support, and strengthen innovative programs that support diversity, access, and academic excellence. As a consultant for the National Institute of Magnet School Leaders (NIMSL) I have served as a coach and reviewer for schools as they endeavor to achieve National Certification. As a parent of a magnet school student I have seen first hand the impact of magnet programs on students lives as they grow into adulthood.

I have served on the Board of Directors since 2008 in a variety of positions (Regional Director, President, Specialized Director) and currently serve as the Chairperson of the Legislative and Regulatory Project Work Group. We have worked diligently to increase Magnet School Assistance Program (MSAP) Grant funding by obtaining support from legislators of both congressional parties.

I served as the liaison between the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) and Magnet Schools of America in 2018 to organize and host the National Conference on Magnet Schools. It was a pleasure to host educators from across the country and showcase the excellent magnet programs of Chicago.

As a Specialized Director I will:

- work to ensure that magnet schools are seen as a high-quality educational option for diverse students throughout the United States
- continue to support the efforts of MSA to increase funding for magnet and theme-based schools and program
- aid districts to sustain and strengthen current schools while developing new programs

Thank you for the opportunity to run for the position of Specialized Director and continue to serve the membership of MSA.

Sincerely,

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