

GROUP 1 SCHOOLS

I am applying for:

- Certified Teacher, PK/Elem
- Certified Teacher, Middle/High
- Certified, Special Education, PK-12

GROUP 2 SCHOOLS

I am applying for:

- Certified Teacher, At-Large, PK-12
- Certified, Performing/Visual Arts, PK-12
- Certified, Gifted/Talented, PK-12

GROUP 3 SCHOOLS

I am applying for:

- Certified Teacher, At-Large, PK-12
- Certified, Non-Teaching, At-Large, PK-12
- Certified, Foreign Language, PK-12

Name *

Shikonya Cureton

Campus *

Westchester Academy

Certification *

Generalist EC-4, Generalist 4-8, Special Education EC-12

Subject(s) currently teaching *

Math

Grade level(s) currently teaching *

6th grade

Years of service in SBISD *

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What skills and experience do you bring that would enhance your contribution to the DIT? *

A few skills I would bring which would enhance my contribution to the DIT is my previous experience as a member on different teams and committees in the district such as the DIT, the 2017 Bond Advisory Committee, CIT member at Ridgecrest Elementary as a parent and CIT member at Landrum Middle and Spring Branch Elementary as a teacher. Each team or committee allowed me to grow as a teacher and learn how to compromise with a large diverse group of parents, students, community member, teachers, campus administrators as well as district administrators.

What are the major challenges you see SBISD facing in the next two years? *

Two major challenges I see SBISD facing in the next two years is being able to provide mental health services and behavior services to all of our students in need. These challenges are not academic by title, but the academics are directly impacted in a negative way. Not only are the students who are needing the services effected, but their peers and the teachers are as well. When our teachers are not able to teach due to continuous disruption and not enough support for our students with mental health and/or behavior issues, our overall academic achievements are also effected. Another major challenge is the number of teachers resigning from their positions which I believe is due to my first two challenges.

What role do you see the DIT having to address these challenges? *

The DIT's role is to work as a team with teachers, students, both campus and district administrators and other district employees to research and provide effective strategies and professional development to support our teachers. As a DIT, we need to provide strategies and trainings/seminars/webinars for our parents on how to support their child at home. To address the teacher issue, teachers need more incentives. Funding is important to providing all of these services, so the DIT should have an idea about SBISD's budget.

What knowledge and/or experience do you hope to gain by serving as a DIT member? *

I hope to gain more insight to the district's plan to continuously improve our district in the next few years regarding more support for our student, parents, and teachers.

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