



**TASK FORCE ON STUDENT DISCIPLINE REGULATIONS  
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**Dr. Vermelle Greene (Chair)** is a member of the Maryland State Board of Education and has been an educator for more than 44 years (teaching at the elementary through college levels). Her experience extends to the corporate world where she was a Customer Education Representative with the Xerox Corporation.

Dr. Greene currently is an educational consultant, new teacher mentor, and conference speaker. She has conducted professional development and training workshops as well as online classes for thousands of teachers and administrators from coast to coast. Her focus areas include closing the gender achievement gap, educating for character, and managing classrooms effectively.

During her tenure with Prince George's County Public Schools, she served as an administrator at Buck Lodge Middle School and piloted the school's award-winning character education program. After her retirement from Prince George's County Public Schools, Dr. Greene founded S.A.C.R.E.D. Life Academy for Boys in Capitol Heights. The school's innovative curriculum focused on building character and accommodating the academic, social, developmental, and physical needs of young boys in kindergarten through 8th grade.

Dr. Greene holds degrees from International Seminary (Ph.D. in Christian Education), George Washington University (M.A. in Education), and Dickinson College (B.S. in Biology).

**Cheryl Bost** has been an elementary classroom teacher in Baltimore County for more than 25 years. She is currently on leave to serve as MSEA president. Ms. Bost began as president on August 1, 2018.

In 1989, Bost came to Maryland to begin her teaching career in Baltimore County Public Schools. She taught fourth grade for 14 years at Mars Estates Elementary, a Title I school, as well as fifth grade at Prettyboy Elementary. In 2003, Bost was named Baltimore County's Teacher of the Year and was a state finalist. While teaching at Mars Estates, she started a summer camp for disadvantaged youth (grades 3-5) that included camping, swimming, and community service.

Ms. Bost has served in various leadership positions in the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, including membership committee chair, Board of Directors, vice president, and eight years as president. As MSEA vice president, Bost led MSEA's work with the State Board and legislators on the Every Student Succeeds Act state plan and implementation, and has been appointed to serve a four year term on the Maryland Education Development Collaborative Governing Board.

Ms. Bost attended Edinboro University, earning a BS degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education.

**Carmen Amyot Brown, LCSW-C** serves as the Branch Chief for Interagency Collaboration at the Maryland State Department of Education's Division of Early Intervention and Special Education Services where she manages interagency collaborative initiatives, serves as the liaison between organizations regarding services for students with special needs and their families, provides oversight

for statewide out-of-home care rate-setting, behavioral and mental health support, the Maryland Autism Waiver, and Medicaid monitoring for the delivery of health related services.

Ms. Brown has been a practicing social worker since 1995. Her experience includes direct clinical work in treatment foster care, clinical oversight and supervision in a non-public separate day school, service as a Chief Operating Officer of Clinical Services for a large multi-service residential, foster care and outpatient service agency, and as a Senior Vice President overseeing operations of Type I and a Type III education programs, residential services, treatment foster care, crisis stabilization and emergency respite services. Ms. Brown served the State of Maryland as the Executive Director for the Office of Licensing and Monitoring at the Department of Human Services where she provided oversight and direction to all clinical and operational activities for the licensing and monitoring of over 350 licensed private child serving providers throughout the State.

Ms. Brown holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Work from the University of Vermont and a Master's Degree in Social Work from Rutgers University. She holds an LCSW-C in Maryland.

**Pastor Gavin Brown** is the lead pastor of Lifehouse Church. Born in Baltimore and raised in Laurel, MD. Pastor Brown credits his godly grandmother and many godly mothers and fathers in his life for guiding him in the path of Christian service.

An ordained minister for ten years, Pastor Brown has served at three dynamic and diverse churches over the last thirteen years in full-time ministry as a youth & young adult's pastor. He has traveled extensively throughout the east coast, nation and world ministering and preaching the word of God. He enjoys communicating the gospel with passion and inspiration. Pastor Gavin was voted in as the new lead pastor of Lifehouse Church in June of 2017. Formally First Assembly of God, this was the church that Pastor Gavin grew up in as a child.

Pastor Brown graduated from the University of Valley Forge with a B.A. and is currently pursuing his M.Div. degree.

**Gail C. Bussell** has been impacting the lives of young people over four decades. She has taught school for 24 plus years and is currently serving as a teacher mentor for 37 new teachers at St. Charles High School in Waldorf, MD. In this role she is responsible for providing the appropriate resources and works closely with teachers (regular and special education) in the handling of daily responsibilities. Mrs. Bussell has over 30 years of experience working with persons with special needs and has a passion for empowering people providing them the tools to be successful.

While residing in Florida in 1990 she decided to pursue a career in education where she acquired the necessary courses to teach through the University of West Florida in Pensacola, FL.

While employed for the Florida Okaloosa County Schools, Mrs. Bussell served on the Multicultural Committee where she was instrumental in educating the staff on diverse cultural sensitivities. She was an active member of the Parent Teacher Advisory Committee and The Human Respect Committee.

Mrs. Bussell relocated to the Washington, DC area in 1994, where she continued her career in education as an Instructor and Academic Supervisor for Potomac Job Corp working with at-risk students. She later transferred to Charles County Public Schools in MD where she held such positions

as Chairperson for the Academic Intervention Department for more than five years at Westlake High School. She also developed and facilitated an alternative to suspension program called Resolve2Solve which reduced the suspension rate by 46% the first year. Gail has facilitated Saturday School, Chaired the Capturing Kids Heart Committee that prepared students hearts for learning.

Mrs. Bussell graduated from Langston University in Langston OK, where she majored in Pre-Law.

**Jon E. Carrier** is an Executive Board Member and President of the Maryland Association of Student Resource Officers (M.A.S.R.O.). Mr. Carrier has been a certified law enforcement officer, since January 1989, working for Federal, County and City jurisdictions within the state of Maryland.

Mr. Carrier is a recognized expert in several law enforcement disciplines, and a speaker and organizer at local and national conferences. He is also a member of several NIJ/DOJ Technical Working Groups (TWGs) for the federal government, to include an "Active Shooter Focus Group" and a member of the Maryland State Department of Education's (MSDE) "Best Practices in School Discipline" workgroup.

Mr. Carrier has partnered with and worked as a School Resource Officer in Anne Arundel County Public Schools since January 2001. He has taken over four-hundred hours of SRO specific training and has been recognized as a (**NASRO**) National Practitioner. He is a current member of the School Resource Unit, Background Investigations Unit, Police Explorer Advisor and the Crisis Negotiation Team member.

Mr. Carrier has a Degree in Criminal Justice (Dean's List) with an emphasis on investigations, has received over 3,000 hours in law enforcement specific classroom instruction, and is a (**SME**) Subject Matter Expert in physical security, specifically in schools. Mr. Carrier is also a graduate of the **Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC)** Glynco, Georgia; Prince George's County Police Academy MD (with honors); Anne Arundel County Police Academy MD, and the Department of Defense's Police Academy.

**Latisha Corey** is President of the Maryland Parent Teacher Association, (PTA). President Corey became interested in PTA many years ago because of the Mission and Purpose of PTA that supports children, parents and teachers. As the oldest advocacy organization for children and youth, this illustrious organization has instilled in her the importance of supporting all children, parents and teachers to ensure a quality education.

As a volunteer/member of this association, President Corey has had the opportunity to lead in many areas. Her interest in PTA is educating parents on their rights and responsibilities. In addition, educating and training PTA volunteers has provided her the opportunity to be even more effective in empowering, encouraging and even inspiring PTA volunteers.

President Corey has a master's degree in Public Administration specializing in Public Management and Leadership.

**Lou D'Ambrosio** is the President of the Maryland Association of Elementary School Principals (MAESP) and Principal at Berry Elementary School in Waldorf, Maryland. Mr. D'Ambrosio is the first Charles County MAESP member to serve as president of the organization.

Mr. D'Ambrosio began his career as a special education teacher in 2000 in Erie, PA and received his master's degree from Mercyhurst University. He served as a Vice Principal in Charles County for nine years across three elementary schools. In 2105, he was named the *Outstanding Vice Principal of Charles County* and was promoted to Principal of Arthur Middleton Elementary immediately after.

**Marietta English** is the President of the Baltimore Teachers Union (BTU). She is a former elementary and special education teacher who also served as a consulting and mentor teacher in the Baltimore City Public School System. During her tenure, President English has fought for fair wages and improved working conditions for Baltimore City Public School teachers and paraprofessionals, and has helped to successfully negotiate several contracts for BTU members.

A strong advocate for professional development at all levels, President English provides support for the BTU's Professional Development Center (PDC) where teachers and paraprofessionals are able to attend professional development workshops to help them to become more proficient educators. Under her guidance, the PDC also serves as a clearinghouse where educators can get necessary supplies for their classrooms.

Ms. English serves as the President of AFT-Maryland, Vice-President for AFT National, President of the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NBASE), and has served as President of the Metro-Baltimore Alliance of Black School Educators (MBABSE). She is a lifetime member of the NAACP and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., where she served on several committees.

Ms. English is a graduate of Western High School, Morgan State University, and the University of Maryland, College Park.

**Dwayne Jones** has been at Laurel High School for 34 years. Mr. Jones is a 1981 graduate of Laurel High School, who came back in 1989 to be a physical education/social studies teacher. Mr. Jones has been the Principal of Laurel High School since 2005. Prior to becoming the Principal, Mr. Jones served as an Assistant Principal at Laurel for about eight years.

During his tenure as a professional educator, Mr. Jones has been involved in many activities that have helped him expand his knowledge of education in Maryland, as well as across this country and the world. Mr. Jones has been a President of the Association of Supervisory and Administrative School Personnel (ASASP), President and Executive Board Member of the Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP) and a General Executive Board Vice President of the American Federation of School Administrator.

**Dr. Andrea Kane** was appointed Superintendent for Queen Anne's County Public Schools in Maryland in July 2017. With over 25 years of education experience, including ten years at the central office level, Dr. Kane has earned the characterization as a visionary leader. In collaboration with district, business, and community partners, Dr. Kane has been effective in leading large suburban, urban, and small rural districts during times of change and challenges associated with academics, state mandates, and leadership; and in building trust, transparency, and stability during transitions and keeping the focus on that which benefits students.

Dr. Kane dedicated 22 years of service to Anne Arundel County Public Schools, where she held a multitude of instructional and leadership roles. Dr. Kane's proven experience as an education leader led to her appointment as Superintendent of Schools in Queen Anne's County in July 2017. The establishment of the district's first Superintendent's student, parent, and staff advisory councils provided a forum for regular face-to-face interaction and shared decision-making. As the district's first African American Superintendent, Dr. Kane set professional and personal goals focused on implementing equitable practices across all areas of the organization.

Dr. Kane holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Northcentral University, Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction and Administration/Supervision certification from Loyola University in Maryland, and Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Sweet Briar College.

**Dr. Sylvia Lawson** is the Chief Performance Officer for the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), with responsibility for providing guidance and leadership to eight divisions/offices including, the Division of Educator Effectiveness, the Division of Student Support, Academic Enrichment, and Educational Policy, the Juvenile Services Education, the Division of School and Community Nutrition, the Division of Pupil Transportation, School Facilities, the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association, and the Division of Rehabilitative Services.

Dr. Lawson has extensive administrative leadership experience in Maryland Public Schools and formerly served as the Assistant Superintendent for School Administration for Charles County Public Schools and held several Principal and Vice-Principal positions in Charles and Calvert County Public Schools. Dr. Lawson has also taught in Maryland and South Carolina public schools.

Dr. Lawson earned her Ph.D. in Instructional Leadership for Changing Populations and Certificate of Advanced Studies in Education from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, her M.Ed. from East Carolina University, and her Bachelor of Science from Pfeiffer College.

**C. Tolbert Rowe** is the President of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE). He was elected to the MABE Board of Directors in 2016. Mr. Rowe serves on the Board of Trustees for MABE's Group Insurance Pool and previously served on the Board of Trustees of MABE's Legal Services Association. He has represented MABE at the National Association of Boards of Education Annual Conference from 2014 – 2016.

Mr. Rowe was first appointed to the Caroline County Board of Education in November 1999 and subsequently served the limit of two five-year terms. He was then elected to the first elected/hybrid board in 2012 and re-elected to a four-year term in 2016.

Mr. Rowe is a graduate of the University of Baltimore with a BA in Government and Public Administration. He is the vice president and senior loan officer for Bay Capital Mortgage in Easton.

**Elliott Lawrence Schoen** has practiced law in the Maryland Attorney General's Office since 2000, and has been Deputy Counsel to the Maryland State Department of Education since 2007. Before beginning his legal career, Elliott was a special education teacher in Boulder, Colorado and also served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ecuador.

Elliott studied law at the University of Denver College of Law and earned his undergraduate and master's degrees at the University of Florida.