

## Region 6 (One-Year Term)



### TiAnna Harrison

Kalamazoo Public Schools, Kalamazoo County

Time served  
on this board:

**10** years

Offices held:

President, Vice  
President, Secretary  
and Treasurer

#### MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember Award

Award of Merit

Award of Distinction

Master Boardmember

Master Diamond

#### Election Statement:

My name is TiAnna Harrison, and as the current Board President for Kalamazoo Public Schools Board of Education, I bring over a decade of governance and leadership experience. Appointed in 2014, and reelected in 2020, I have had the honor of serving my community in various capacities, including Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Through these positions, I have had a firsthand view of the challenges and opportunities in education, especially as we work to ensure all students have equitable access to high-quality learning experiences.

My experience serving in a district with diverse needs has given me a comprehensive understanding of the complexities facing school boards across Michigan, and I believe I can bring valuable insights to MASB. I am passionate about the power of public education to transform lives. Our work as school board members is critical in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education, no matter where they live.

From advocating for equitable funding to addressing the mental health needs of students, the role of school boards has never been more important. Through my years of service, I have seen firsthand how strategic decision-making, thoughtful governance, and strong community partnerships can improve outcomes for students. I am seeking a seat on the MASB Board of Directors because I believe that the challenges we face in Michigan's education system require a unified and strategic approach.

I am particularly focused on the importance of state-level policies that allow local school boards to address the unique needs of their districts. I want to ensure that Michigan school boards have the tools and support they need to make informed decisions that benefit all students.

From ensuring equitable funding to supporting the mental and emotional well-being of students and staff, I am eager to contribute my experience and insights to support school boards across the state and advocate for policies that will create better outcomes for Michigan's children.

I would be honored to not only serve on the MASB Board of Directors, but also to continue advocating for policies that prioritize the needs of students, support educators, and strengthen our communities. Together, we can ensure that every Michigan student has the opportunity to succeed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

TiAnna L. Harrison

Kalamazoo Public Schools

Trustee – Board of Education

## Region 6 (One-Year Term)



### Elizabeth O'Dell

St. Joseph County ISD, St. Joseph County

Time served  
on this board:

**27** years

Offices held:

President, Vice  
President, Secretary  
and Treasurer

### MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember Award

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### Election Statement:

The MASB is our collective voice on education at the state level, and it allows board members to be informed about educational issues. I think the Director for the Region's role is to ensure that our voice is heard as the MASB discusses issues and concerns. The Past President, Kathleen Moore, was able to model how to accomplish that task positively. I cannot fill her shoes; I am unsure if anyone can.

I have been an active St. Joseph County ISD member for 27 years. I have taken advantage of opportunities to learn about best practices for serving and supporting the education process in our communities. I have held various positions, from member to president.

I have worked with the parent-teacher association, band, and athletic booster clubs. I have served on the special education advisory committee. I have enjoyed serving as a delegate to MASB membership meetings in my county. Through this process, I have learned what various boards are concerned about as they present resolutions and amendments to the Board of Directors, which has deepened my understanding of how our collective needs are connected.

I have and will continue to advocate for a strong public education. My children and I are products of public education. I obtained my bachelor's degree from Ball State University and my graduate degree from Western Michigan University.

I am not new to service, advocacy, listening, and striving to assist others to make positive change. I am a retired CEO of St. Joseph County Community Mental Health and use my time currently as a volunteer in my church, for American Red Cross Disaster Relief, as a substitute teacher, as well as working with a variety of social action services through my sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

I am seeking this position to advocate for the needs of our small and large communities. I am a champion for public education, and with your vote, I can take my commitment to this service to the next level.