

CYNTHIA L. LATIMER

EDUCATION:

1980 - B.S. Ed - Special Education - Illinois State University

1988 - M.S. Ed - Educational Leadership and Policy Study – Northern Illinois University

LICENSURE: Professional Educator License

ENDORSEMENTS:

Learning Behavior Specialist

Learning Disabilities

Social/Emotional Disorders

General Administrative

Director of Special Education

Secondary Education

SCOPE of EXPERIENCE:

Post Retirement:

Appointed by Governor Pritzker to Illinois State Board of Education

Illinois State Board of Education – Education Policy Planning Committee

Secretary of State Literacy Advisory Board Member

Principal Writer creating 501(c)(3)

Community Service

Confidential Consultation

Coaching and Mentoring – Student, Adult, Administrative

Illinois Education Association/NEA – West Suburban Retired Chapter - Member

Illinois Retired Teachers Association – Member

Aurora Area Retired Teacher's Association - Member

World Traveler (All but one continent)

Travel Consultant

2008 – June 30, 2014 Retirement:

Assistant Superintendent – Division of Teaching & Learning – West Aurora District 129

Responsibilities:

- Oversight of the Division of Teaching Learning, which included all aspects of instruction including the former Student Services Division: Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Professional Development, Grants, Assessment, Special Education, English Language Learners (Bilingual Education), Gifted and Talented Education, Homeless, Alternative Education, Non-Traditional Programming, Student Advocacy, and Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee
- Member of Superintendent's Cabinet

2006 – 2008: Assistant Superintendent – Division of Student Services – West Aurora District 129

Responsibilities:

- Oversight of the Division of Student Services which included Special Education, English Language Learners (Bilingual), Early Childhood, Gifted, Homeless
- Member of Superintendent's Cabinet

2000 – 2006: Chief Officer for Special Populations - West Aurora District 129

Responsibilities:

- Oversight of English Language Learners (Bilingual), Homeless, and Special Education, which included social workers, psychologists, speech & language pathologists, teachers, and nurses.
- Member of Superintendent's Cabinet

1993 – 2000: Principal of Abraham Lincoln Elementary School - West Aurora District 129

Responsibilities:

- Oversight of elementary school
- Oversight of District Bilingual Education
- District Homeless Liaison

1990 – 1993: Principal of W.S. Beaupre Elementary School - East Aurora District 131

Responsibilities:

- Oversight of elementary school

1981 – 1990: Special Education Teacher – West Aurora District 129

- Instructional/diagnostic-referral/Pupil Personnel Services Team Leader
- Varied District Curriculum Committee Chair and Member
- National Education Association (Member and Congressional Contact Team)
- Illinois Education Association (Member and Board of Directors as Minority Sectional Rep.)
- Aurora Education Association West (Member and Multi-Term Officer)

January-June 1981: Special Education Teacher – East Aurora District 131

- Self-Contained Special Education Teacher

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Current: Board President – Aurora Actionaires Foundation, Inc; Financial Secretary – Aurora Actionaires Club; Aurora Civic Center Authority Board Member, School of the Arts Committee Chair, Personnel Committee Member; NAACP – Life Member; American Association of University Women – Member; City of Aurora MLK Planning Committee; Black Vax and Unity Vax Volunteer; Senior Services Tour Volunteer

Former Board Member & Commissioner: Quad County Urban League's Tomorrow's Scientists Technicians and Managers Advisory Board; Hesed House; Family Counseling; City of Aurora Human Relations Commission; Aurora Actionaires Club – President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer; True Eagle Beauty Inc. Board; Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry Advisory Board