

Detroit Federation of Teachers Candidate Statements

Executive Board

Nicole Conaway

High School Science Teacher, CMA

The DFT needs leaders prepared to fight for members. I joined the union in 2006, the day before our strike and I've been fighting ever since - to defend our jobs and benefits and to build the movement to defend public education. As an Equal Opportunity Now/By Any Means Necessary (EON/BAMN) caucus member I have led rallies, marches, sit-ins, walkouts, and co-organized the Sickouts that defeated Emergency Management. With more teacher action, we can defeat current attacks, win real pay raises, reduced class size, improved facilities, and more. I have been a building rep, AFT National delegate, and now lead the DFT High School Chapter. On the Executive Board, I will work to rebuild a democratic, fighting union. If you are angry and ready to act, vote for me. We will fight, and win, together. If you are ready to lead, join EON/BAMN.

Crystal Lee

Independent

I was born and raised in The City of Detroit. I am a product of the Detroit Public Schools District as well as a graduate of Wayne State University. Currently, I am a teacher at Charles R. Drew Transition Center for Students with Intellectual Disabilities ages 18-26. I have served as the Detroit Federation of Teachers Building Representative for nine of my ten years. As a member, I have a long-standing affiliation with DFT/AFT, serving in the capacities of:

- National AFT Convention Delegate
- DFT Political Action Committee
- Eight years on the DFT Election Committee
- Currently appointed to the AFT Merger Committee

When elected as the new Executive Board Member, I will be present, diligent and committed to uphold the dignity and the rights of our membership.

Angela Milton

It is very exciting to have the opportunity to serve on the Executive Board. I am respectfully asking for your vote.

I graduated from Howard University and the University of Detroit Mercy. Since September 2002, I have worked with Detroit Public Schools. It has been gratifying as well as fulfilling teaching our Special Education populations.

I bring various and extensive work experiences including volunteer. Four years with NIH, over 16 years with Fortune 500 Companies in Engineering, Compliance, and Labor Relations Management. Also, involvement in business ownership. Served on the Board of Directors for VVA, president of a professional work organization, managed Detroit voting locations, and worked political campaigns. I am a proud member of the Deltas.

It is with great satisfaction and enthusiasm; I look forward to serving the best interests of the DFT members.

I most sincerely thank you for your support.

Trustee

Jeff Wasilewski

Dear Fellow DFT Members,

My name is Jeff Wasilewski and I am asking for your support in the election for the DFT Trustee position. I have been involved in union activities since I started with the district in '98. I was a rep at Grant, Law, and the Academy of the Americas. I was also on the DFT Election Committee for 7 years. I can offer experience, dedication, and transparency. Being detailed oriented, I will ensure that all union resources (money/assets) are used for legitimate union purposes, as authorized by our membership in accordance with our bylaws. I pay dues just like you and I promise you that I will review every penny that is spent. I thank you for your support.

In Solidarity, Jeff Wasilewski