

Carolyn M. Boston

The Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc.

Carolyn M. Boston is the proud parent of two devoted and loving daughters, who both retired from the DC Fire and EMS Department as Paramedics. She has four beautiful granddaughters and two adorable great granddaughters. Ms. Boston is presently employed with the Prince George's County Public Schools at Dodge Park Elementary School as a Parent Engagement Assistant. She former worked for the Latin American Youth Center/Maryland Multicultural Youth Centers, Workforce Development in Riverdale, MD as a Job Developer/Case Manager. Ms. Boston served on as an elected member of the Prince George's County, Board of Education from 2010-2018 where she served as a Board Member and Vice Chair for 6 years.

Ms. Boston is a distinguished community and civic leader. Her dedication and advocacy have led to improved support services for students with special needs. During her tenure, she successfully worked to increase resources for schools and established programs and policies to support parent engagement and increase per-pupil spending. Ms. Boston fought for the re-establishment of full day Pre-K, and middle school sports. She help establish the Spanish Immersion Programs; established partnership with "World Vision" to provide needed supplies and funding for Title 1 schools and worked with the leadership of the "Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools" to provide opportunities for the Fire and EMS Cadets program; she secured funding for school construction projects at Central High School, Friendly High School, Thomas C. Pullen CPA, and Walker Mill MS; she helped to create real jobs for graduating students in career training programs and Construction Apprenticeship Programs; and helped to secure millions of dollars for our teachers and staff. She co-chaired a taskforce to eliminate wasteful spending within PGCPs; she established and coordinated the Board's largest annual district-wide "College and Career Readiness Summit"; conducted district-wide "Common Core Parent Workshops" and held numerous community workshops in school district 6. She served on the "Maryland Association Board of Education" conference planning committee and awards committee. She served on the Board of Education's Community Engagement Committee, Policy and Procedures Committee, CEO and Board Evaluation Committee, and Chaired the Governance Committee and Finance and Budget Committee.

Ms. Boston developed a useful understanding of the needs of students, parents, teachers, employees, and the community – one that only comes from the kind of hands-on involvement she has experienced. She became an advocate for parents, students, and teachers while serving as President of the PTA at Robert R. Gray Elementary School for over nine years; she served as chairman of Field Services for the Maryland State PTA Board of Directors; served in various leadership capacities on the Prince George's County Council of PTAs; served on numerous National and State PTA Leadership committees where she received the Maryland State PTA Highest Award for Lifetime Member Recipient; and she is a Mentoring Master Trainer. Ms. Boston worked as a Parent Liaison for Prince George's County Public Schools where she assisted parents on engagement and how to navigate the school system.

Ms. Boston served as Vice Mayor and Councilwoman for the Historical Town of Fairmount Heights; served on the Ladies Auxiliary to the Chapel Oaks Volunteer Fire and EMS Department and Associate Member of the Auxiliary to the Landover Hills Volunteer Fire and EMS Department; and worked for AFSCME AFL-CIO at its headquarters where she served as a shop steward. She is a lifelong learner who enjoys cooking, reading, and community service. In 2012, Ms. Boston was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Christian Education from the Lighthouse Christian College.