



LESLIE MCBRIDE

GATEWAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR

“Because of my experience listening to the needs of families, I will continue to listen and be a voice for you, the stakeholders of our communities. I calmly face adversity and think before I act.”-Leslie McBride

MY PRIORITIES UPON RETURNING TO IN-CLASS SCHOOL

Help Students and Teachers Achieve Excellence

- Re-Assess Staff & Student Needs
- Ensure Proper Advancement

Optimism for the Future

- Open Communication
- Collaborate with All Stakeholders

Change the Conversation from Patching to Improving

- Concerned about Spending
- Due Diligence against Cost Overruns
- Make Bond Issue Work for Gateway

Solution-based, NOT Excuse-based

- Maintain Transparency to Focus on Finding Solutions

Readiness and Preparedness

- Direct Expenses by Separating Needs vs Wants

Leslie McBride

Team Member of County Programs in Education

Reality Driven-Experience Based

- Department of Human Services - Child Focused
 - Understands Parent-Child Rights
- Understands Education Reality vs Education Theory

Has lived in Eastmont and Monroeville for her entire life

Daughter, A.J. Denne, Gateway class of 2013
Sons, Tyler Denne, Student Pitt-Johnstown
Peyton Bash, student University Park Elementary

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About Me

My name is Leslie McBride, and I would like to become a member of the Gateway School Board. I have been a resident of Monroeville, PA since 2009. I live with my husband, Sean McBride, a Gateway Graduate and Pittsburgh Public school teacher and my son Peyton, who is a current student at University Park. I am also the proud parent of a 2013 Gateway Graduate, who throughout her Gateway School education, extracurricular activities, and the support of her teachers, is now a Board-Certified Music Therapist for persons experiencing Traumatic Brain Injury. With that being said, I have seen firsthand the accomplishments of our school district and the product of these accomplishments. My eldest son is currently a student at the University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown campus. He attended the Gateway School District through junior high school and is a graduate of Central Catholic. This past year has been difficult for everyone, I am also currently experiencing the range of emotions and fear of the unknown, along with hope that every parent with a school age child is experiencing through COVID.

I am currently employed by Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth and Families. My position with the county has afforded me the opportunity to work with a diverse population of children and families, as well as multi-systems that include: homelessness, food insecurity, single family households, and both criminal and family court cases. I am able to maintain timelines, confidential information and emergency situations while maintaining a level temperament and holistic view of situations, both scheduled and spontaneous. I also have extensive training on the safety and well-being of children. As a member of the school board, my role would expand from not only hearing what the community has to say, but also be a voice and activist for the community and the families I would serve. I would continue and expand upon the many strengths of our school district, as well as help to identify and advocate for change in areas where we can improve.

Platform

If, elected I will be an asset to our current sitting School Board and those who will also be elected. I will bring a professional enthusiasm to the board as I seek to expand on my experiences. I look forward to the relationships I will develop as I learn more deeply the concerns and accomplishment of our community. School board members, residents and taxpayers are accountable as a community to provide our students with a pathway that allows them to excel in all facets of life. My goal as a board member is to continue to grow Gateway School District as a financially responsible school district that gives our children the best opportunity for scholastic success. To listen to community concerns and celebrate successes. I intend to achieve these goals through the following:

Communication and Transparency

I believe that a school board can only function and serve its constituents by having open and honest communication between the board and the constituents it serves. As a member of the school board, I look forward to facilitating and maintaining open dialogue with the community, by not only making myself available to the hear concerns, but also by creating transparency between the school board and the community. This, I believe, can be done by openly identifying and expressing concerns to the board, communicating my own personal experiences and conveying the opinions of the school board to the community as decisions are being made with the utmost honesty and integrity.

Financial Accountability

The school board must be accountable for all of its financial decisions it has control over. Being a taxpayer, I have a vested interest in our local school board's accountability. We must also ensure that our children are provided with a quality curriculum taught by exemplary staff, in an environment that allows for maximum learning and in facilities that are modern and equipped with the technology that will prepare our children for the future. We must be able to provide all of these things in a manner that is within the means of our school district and with a fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers.

Academic Performance

The manner and quality of the education we provide and the students we produce is not only an asset to our community, but a reflection of the values and character of our residents. In addition, there are barriers that families and children face daily. I believe that Gateway does a fantastic job supporting our families with barriers, I also believe there is always room for improvement. All children learn at different levels, speeds, and methods. Each child requires different tools, tactics and approaches to achieve their maximum potential. I want to make sure that all our students are given the appropriate resources and curriculum options necessary to excel, regardless of their scholastic paths, and to reach their full potential as a Gateway School District graduate.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Extra-Curricular activities are critically important to the overall learning experience. Whether it is athletics, the arts, or community service, after school involvement teaches personal skills that translate into life: work ethic, teamwork, self-discipline, communication, responsibility, commitment, dealing with success and adversity, being goal-oriented, and personal accountability to others who depend on you. When our students compete or represent our school, their success and how they conduct themselves is a direct reflection of our community. I want to hold our coaches and activity leaders accountable for not only the success of our programs, but also how our students are representing our community. It is a privilege to represent our school district, and I want to make sure that each program sponsored by our school district takes pride in not only the results of their competition, but the manner in which they compete and conduct themselves as young men and woman. It is often lost that as representatives of the school district, they represent the community when they are wearing the black and gold.

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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, Pa 01/16-5/18

Bachelor of Arts in Social Work

Community College of Allegheny County Monroeville, Pa 8/12-12/15

Received Associate of Science in Social Work Technician

WORK EXPERIENCE

Allegheny County office of Children, Youth and Families

7/17-Present

Providing protection for children, from abuse to neglect alongside working with families to provide a safe and loving permanent home for children.

Caseworker III – Job duties Include:

- Direct Practice casework and case management for multiple diverse families referred for abuse or neglect, including truancy, drug and alcohol, mental health, youth partners and parent child conflict.
- Collaborates with the system partners including courts, community and contracted providers with case managers to plan for safety and permanency for Children and families.
- Provide crisis intervention and consultation.
- Maintain progress notes and various documentation in a confidential fashion.
- Responsible for filing specific court documents pertaining to petitions or motions for dependency, removal, change of placement and reviews to the county courts a minimum of every 90 days on court active cases.
- Provide testimony to the courts of the agency and family progress.
- Mentoring new caseworkers and interns.
- Facilitate team meeting with all supports, services and family in collaboration to determine the best possible outcome for the children and families.
- In-home visits with every family and child monthly to ensure safety in the home.
- Using multiple computer systems and software.
- Follow Federal, State and Local Laws.

Eat N Park

Monroeville, Pa

09/05 – 6/17

Family restaurant

Server, Trainer, Supervisor – Job duties Included:

- Direct customer service.
- Provide training and oversight of new hires.
- Provide support to the management team and other supervisors.
- Support the administrative manager in the coordination of schedules and coverages.

Access Transportation

Pittsburgh, Pa

07/07 – 08/11

Coordinated, shared-ride paratransit services, which provided door-to-door transportation offering a person-centered solution to individual transportation needs. Service provided for senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

Call Center, Customer Service, Dispatcher- Job Duties Included:

- High speed, intense problem-solving with a heavy focus on customer service with the elderly and persons with disabilities.
 - Proficient in accuracy and flexibility in multi-stage planning.
 - Responsible for 50-75 drivers schedule and routes. Maintain on time pick ups and handle emergency situations including accidents, incidents, and driver complications. Completing detailed paperwork of any emergency and contacting appropriate departments for further support.
 - Using job specific computer programs.
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