



NATIONAL NETWORK FOR EDUCATIONAL RENEWAL

A membership network dedicated to the simultaneous renewal of schools and the institutions that prepare our teachers.

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great honor that I write you as the new Executive Director for the National Network for Educational Renewal. I enthusiastically accepted this new responsibility, and I am eager to continue my commitment to the Agenda for Education in a Democracy in this role.

I look forward to providing my leadership and strategic thinking to NNER to further the Network's mission, and I promise to seek imaginative and creative methods in doing so. These methods will give particular attention to the promotion of social justice, equity, and diversity in order to advance democratic principles and policies at local and national levels. Much of my initial attention in this role will be directed toward elevating and enhancing NNER's social media presence and virtual/technological connectedness for internal purposes as well as nurturing and growing new relationships with other professional organizations with similar interests. It is my aim to honor the significant work that has already taken place in this effort - in *all* efforts - and I am ready to execute and enhance NNER future endeavors collectively.

Prior to this position, I've focused on grant writing, program evaluation, and educational research largely committed to social and educational change. My projects included curriculum development for Early College High Schools, early childhood education and advocacy, STEM education, and after school programming. Some of my fondest years were spent in kindergarten through third grade classrooms as a teacher for Cincinnati Public Schools, and I continue to benefit from the rich community and school relationships from early in my career. For the past two years, I have been part of Miami University's adjunct faculty in their Teacher Education Department. I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Miami University and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from

the University of New Mexico. My husband, Heinrich, is currently a Captain in the United States Air Force, and we bask in the delight of two young boys - Leo (2 years) and Max (5 months) - every day. They are a constant source of inspiration.



Please feel free to call or email me at anytime. I look forward to hearing from you.

My best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'CB' in a stylized, cursive font.

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