

Candidate: Vicki Phelps Position: Special Schools & Special Programs Chair Elect

Increasing awareness, creating equitable access to alternative gifted services, and developing new pathways of innovation are the collective force behind my passion for seeking this leadership position. While I have been deeply involved in gifted education as an educator and parent for over 20 years, a significant portion of my experience has been through special schools and programs, including collaboratively developing a publicly funded gifted magnet school from design through successful operation, being an instructional leader at a gifted private school, and serving on the Board of Trustees for an independent gifted school that is breaking new ground in innovative practice. I am a strong advocate for specialized gifted programming and see this network to build collective efficacy toward empowering all gifted learners through equitable, alternative gifted services. I would welcome the opportunity to support and work with others as collaborative catalysts for special schools and programs.