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Network Vision Statement
I created multiple gifted programs from the ground up in both the public and private sector. I began by creating a gifted elementary program at a private school and had the opportunity to create gifted programming for Baltimore City Schools, beginning with identification through professional development, that was implemented in 10 schools and now has expanded to all 200. In the last five years I helped develop and build a middle and junior high gifted program at an all-gifted school in Atlanta where I currently support all teachers K-12 instructionally and have helped develop gifted certification courses for all teachers. Through my array of experiences, I hope to build a strong special schools community where we can share ideas, the latest research, and continue to learn from each other in order to continue advocating for gifted programs and special schools both in the private and public sectors.