



## **Rhonda Stitham**

**Number of children attending/attended Longwood Schools:** (2) Charles E. Walters

**Education:** Concordia University, Ed.D., 2018 Liberty University, Education Specialist 2014 Dowling College, M.A. Education, 2000 Lynchburg College, Bachelor of Arts in Education, 1994

**Professional or Business Experience:** Educator for over 20 years with a background in STEM (Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics), English Language Learners, and Elementary Education. I am currently an Enrichment Instructor for grades 2-5 as well as an Academic Intervention Instructor for grades 1-2.

### **Longwood School District community involvement and the number of years served:**

- Coach for LYSA Basketball and Soccer 4 years
- Longwood Legislative Committee 1 year
- Long Island Harvest 2 years
- NY State PTA member/CEW PTA member 4 years

**Explain what makes you the most qualified candidate:** As an advocator for children for over 20 years, I am well-versed in current educational issues and I focus on meeting the needs of children to help them succeed and grow. As an educated practitioner I help challenge gifted students as well as provide academic intervention services for those in need. Being an educator as well as being a parent of current students gives me a unique perspective and the ability to communicate effectively with parents, community members, teachers and staff to gain ideas and collaborate for what is best for our district.

### **What are your first three priorities for the Longwood School District?**

1. Transparency from all stakeholders
2. Fair and balanced evaluation for all students and teachers
3. A safe and secure space for all children to learn

**How would you accomplish these priorities?** Collaboration with BOE, teachers, students, administrators and community. Form committee of stakeholders to evaluate grading and evaluations. Enhance security in all buildings through the use of personnel and security monitoring.

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