



**Pine Bluff School District Strategic Planning
Community Advisory Committee
2021-2022**

The Community Advisory Committee is a collection of the Pine Bluff community's top leaders to help Pine Bluff School District (PBSD) leaders shape and launch a strategic plan. This group of 20 diverse and representative members will work together to re-imagine the vision, goals, strategies, and action plans for PBSD's future.

Community Advisory Committee Members



Nyeshia Aldridge

CEO, The Boys & Girls Club of Jefferson County

I am a Pittsburg, TX native who has resided in Pine Bluff for the past 12 years. I have an absolute love for this city and the youth. I see a lot of potential in our youth, and I look forward to seeing the new opportunities for them!



LozAnne Calhoun

Acting Vice President for Student Affairs, Southeast Arkansas College

I am a married mother of four that enjoys traveling, reading, and coffee. I have been employed at Southeast Arkansas College for 14 years, starting in the Financial Aid Office, with several transitions leading to my current position as Acting Vice President of Student Affairs. I see the possibilities for our community. I am excited for the growth of the Pine Bluff community and the journey to excellence for each of our educational institutions.



Marguerite N. Flannigan

President, Divine Nine Organizations of Jefferson County

I was born and raised in Pine Bluff, AR. I love my community. I work for ARESC-HIPPY where I can do my passion with serving and helping. I am married to the love of my life. We have been married for 13 years. I am a mother of two boys.



Zola Hudson

Mayor, City of Altheimer

I am currently the mayor of the City of Altheimer and married to Lester Hudson. I am a member of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church.



Juawana Jackson

Chief Juvenile Officer, Sixth Division Circuit Court

I am a native of Pine Bluff, AR, and a graduate of Pine Bluff School District. I enjoy helping others. I am a team player.



Dennis Johnson

Child Nutrition Director, Pine Bluff School District

I am the youngest of six children. I served as the Business Manager in the Dollarway School District for the past six years. In that role, I supported the Superintendent, department leaders, and building principals to carry out the fiscal mission and goals of the district. I provide oversight and administrative leadership in the areas of business and administration, including human capital, payroll, accounts payable, federal programs, and food service. In addition to my current position as Food Service Director, I have more than 20 years of work experience in education, banking, and public service.



Bessie Lancelin

Director of Clinical Services, Southeast Arkansas Behavioral Healthcare Inc.

I am the mother of two adult daughters and a grandmother of one adorable granddaughter. I have worked in my present job for 46 years and I am a widow.



Gary McClain

Major - Operations Commander, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

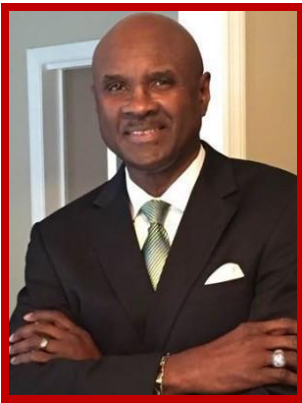
I have been employed by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office for 26+ years. I began my law enforcement career as a volunteer, then was hired as a Uniformed Patrol Deputy in 1995. I was promoted to Captain and transferred to the Training Division in 2007. As the Training Commander and a certified law enforcement instructor, I had many opportunities to positively impact other officers' careers. In July 2020, I was promoted to Major - Operations Commander, where I oversee all divisions under the umbrella of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. I am very proud of our team and look forward to how we can further serve our community.



Marceinia W. Peoples

Principal, Pine Bluff School District- Forrest Park/Greenville

My passion is in Early Childhood Education, specifically ages three to five. I absolutely love to develop others, especially employees in the education field for advancement. I have a sincere love for all Pine Bluff schools. I am motivated to serve for the betterment of our young people and adults.



Freddie Scott, Sr.

Organizer, Pine Bluff Community Thought Leaders

Born in Grady and educated in Pine Bluff, I consider the work I do my work in life versus a job. I am a founding member of the Engagement Unit within the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (ADE DESE) and have been intentionally leveraging my professional skill sets and passion to promote quality education and success for the families, educational professionals, and businesses in my hometown. I have a unique understanding of critical success factors associated with local, state, and community-based mandates with a keen focus on family, school, and student success.



Kourtney Smith

Teacher, Dollarway High School

I am Pastor Kourtney Smith, Senior Leader of Destiny Worship Center Pine Bluff. I am also in my seventh year as Vocal Music Director at Dollarway High School and Robert Morehead Middle School. I am happily married to Tanya Smith. One of my mantras is "BE A VOICE, NOT AN ECHO."



Calvin Thomas

Teacher, Pine Bluff High School

I am in my fourth year with Pine Bluff School District, serving as a JJobs for Arkansas' Graduates (JAG) Specialist. I have served in different leadership capacities over the past three years. I also serve my community by serving on various boards and committees. I am truly devoted to moving our district forward.



Allison J. H. Thompson

President/CEO, Economic Development Alliance for Jefferson County, AR

I moved to Pine Bluff in the fall of 2019 after accepting the position with the Alliance. Education is the foundation of a community and critically important to its economic future, as well as the future of the citizens. I am honored to be on this committee and committed to the work before us.



Fred Toney

Executive Committee and Chair of Economic Development Committee, Pine Bluff Branch, NAACP

I am a graduate of Townsend Park High School, AM&N (UAPB) College (math), and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (management), and completed three years of graduate study at Georgia State University (economics). My professional career includes being a math teacher in public schools, positions in six federal agencies, teaching undergraduate business subjects and two decades of service as a community development professional focusing on housing and economic development. I am the lead volunteer staff at the Bloom Tennis Center (Pine Bluff); and a veteran of the U.S. Military (Army).



Jesse Turner

President, Pine Bluff Faith Community Coalition Ministerial Alliance

I serve as pastor of the Historic Elm Grove Baptist Church, the oldest African American Baptist Church in Arkansas (178 years old). I am the first recipient in Arkansas to be awarded the 400 Distinguish Award from the 400 Years of African American History Federal Commission. I am a recipient of the U.S. Department of Education's Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnership and the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans, honoring MLK Jr.'s Drum Major Legacy.



Eric Walden, Jr.

Board Member/Treasurer, Go Forward Pine Bluff

I enjoy serving my community through various capacities. I believe education is key to changing a youth's outcome. I am very disciplined when it comes to my training, personal health, and work ethic.



Kimberley West

Family and Community Engagement Coordinator, Pine Bluff School District

I have been with Pine Bluff School District for 28 years and I have served in several different capacities to include art educator, elementary school teacher, and building principal. I am also an alumna of Pine Bluff Schools. I understand the importance of being heard and valued when you are a part of an organization. I truly believe the old adage: people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.



Leondra Williams

Principal, Robert F. Morehead Middle School and Dollarway High School

I am a native of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. My entire career has been devoted to the well-being of the future of Pine Bluff, by way of being a classroom teacher, literacy coach, principal, and National Board-Certified Educator in our community. I am a parent in this community. I pride myself in educating my children in the Pine Bluff School District. I am the mother of a 2020 graduate of Pine Bluff School District and a mother of a ninth and second grader in the district. I am a servant for Christ. This is not my job; this is my calling!

Not Pictured:

Angela Lopez

Area Director, Department of Human Services

Robert Carr, Jr.

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff