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SUMMARY

- Seasoned executive leader with over 20 years of experience in a variety of roles, including educator, principal, superintendent, executive mentor, and education advocate
- Passionate about promoting instructional rigor, community engagement, and professional development
- Focused on providing leadership training and development focused on creating ethical, thriving, successful, effective, and competitive organizations and partnerships

EDUCATION

- **Ed.D. Education Supervision and Leadership** **2021**
Texas A&M University at Commerce • Commerce, TX
- **M.Ed. Education Administration** **1994**
University of North Texas • Denton, TX
- **B.S. Criminal Justice and Spanish Minor** **1989**
University of North Texas • Denton, TX

CERTIFICATIONS

- Elementary Self-Contained 1-8
- English as a Second Language PK-8
- Elementary Self-Contained PK-6
- Superintendent
- MidManagement/Principal

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Chief Executive Officer • Higher Levels Educational Group 2006 - Present

- Executive mentor and consultant for executives and educational leaders
- Identify and evaluate patterns in personal and leadership development
- Conduct team and individual sessions to assist executives in a set of goals that have been created and help develop ways to overcome barriers to the success of those goals
- Collects data from a variety of sources for the purpose of analyzing system issues, identifying equity challenges, monitoring system components in support of school and district improvement

Adjunct Professor of Early Childhood Education • UNT Dallas 2022 - Present

- Responsible for instruction of early childhood theories and instructional arrangements best practices to 200 students
- Selecting and compiling tests, quizzes, assignments, and discussion exercises that permit measurement of performance relative to standardized learning objectives
- Prepare students for assessments and provide helpful performance feedback

Student Conduct Officer ▪ Dallas College 2021 - Present

- Serves as the Administrative Hearing Officer for over 100 disciplinary cases involving alleged violations of the Student Code of Conduct
- Investigates, conducts, and coordinates student conduct cases and annually train over 50 staff members in code of conduct, advocacy, and student rights and responsibilities
- Develops and presents relevant 3 training programs for faculty, staff, and students covering reporting, conflict resolution, and classroom management and prevention
- Build trust and relationships with students, staff, and other departments that promote advocacy

Adjunct Professor of College Foundations ▪ Dallas College 2018 - Present

- Prepare over 200 students for assessments and provide helpful performance feedback
- Provide additional after-class support to 40 students who require consultation times each semester
- Answer students' questions and provide feedback on assignments or essay drafts
- Build a rapport with students that supports student academic achievement

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

Teacher Supervisor of Student Teachers ▪ University of North Texas Dallas 2021 - 2022

- Provide high-quality instruction, mentorship, and supervision to a 50 person cohort of pre-service and/or intern teachers with a 100% graduation rate
- Oversaw 50 new teachers' performance in the classroom by compiling data, creating reporting, and providing live feedback
- Assist in over 3 program events for interns, retraining, post-training that lead to state teacher certification

Project Manager ▪ Delta Research and Education Foundation 2016 - 2022

- Facilitates over 200 teacher mentees over six years
- Personally mentored over 25 teacher mentees through the Teacher Efficacy Academy (TEA)
- 75% of participants received promotions and leadership position
- Serves on the national leadership team for Delta Teacher Efficacy Campaign
- Serves as Collective Efficacy and Leadership classroom management

Assistant Superintendent ▪ DeSoto ISD 2003 - 2019

- Organized instructional planning that shifted four Required Improvement campuses to Meeting Standards in one year
- Responsible for the creation and effective implementation of district board policies, including the first dress code policy in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex
- Provides oversight and planning for districtwide safety, overschool counselors, health services, fine arts, health, student services, and athletics
- District received 10 state athletic championships, a National Association of Music Merchant District Award, and a current music teacher awarded a Grammy

- Due to record student enrollment increases up to 10,000 students, attendance zones and boundary redesign were executed

Principal ▪ Cedar Hill ISD	1995 - 2001
Assistant Principal ▪ Cedar Hill ISD	1994 - 1995
Bilingual Specialist ▪ Dallas ISD	2001 - 2004
Elementary Teacher and Intervention Specialist ▪ Dallas ISD	1989 - 1994

PUBLICATIONS

- Moore, C. and Levels, L. (2016). Levering the Power of Town Halls Through Communities. PHILLIS: The Journal for Research on African American Women, Special Edition 2016 - 17.
- Webb, M. and Levels, L. (2014). Safety in Rural Schools: Teacher as Security Guards. National Forum of Education Administration and Supervision Journal, Volume 32, November 4, 2014.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Association of School Administrator
- Texas Association of School Administrators
- University of North Texas Black Alumni Network
- University of North Texas Criminal Justice Advisory
- North Central Texas Council of Government-Criminal Justice Policy and Development Committee
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
- Texas Council of School Women Executives

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

- Big Brothers Big Sisters Southern Board of Directors
- The University of North Texas Exes Southern Board
- DeSoto Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
- Leadership Southwest Board of Directors
- Our Vote Our Voice
- Dallas County Precinct Chair, Nominations Committee Chair

REFERENCES

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