



**Diane Barbosa**  
Board President

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Dear Elizabeth Public Schools Team Members,

At the reorganization meeting of the Elizabeth Board of Education on Monday evening, I was entrusted with the privilege to serve as Board President for 2020. One of the first things I wanted to do was to reach out to you, the team members of Elizabeth Public Schools, to share my excitement for 2020 and my gratitude for the dedicated service you provide to the families of our schools, especially our students.

I had already served more than two years of my first term as a member of the Board, including as its Vice President in 2019, and knew that my journey was not done. I was going to fight to return to the Board for another term, because making a difference is too important to me. I believe we are all born to make a difference and my vision is to make a difference in the lives of every child in our schools.

It takes exceptional people to be inspired to make a difference in the lives of others and we are so fortunate to have so many wonderful people with that level of determination in our schools and administrative offices and buildings, working tirelessly to ensure that every child achieves excellence. I know I feel my heart beat an extra beat when I walk into a classroom visiting students or planning projects that support student achievement, and it brings me great comfort and hope knowing that the people trusted to educate and care for our students were drawn to this profession because they experience that same feeling when they come through the doors each day.

We have to remember that everyone who walks through the doors of our schools, offices, and buildings has to be treated with dignity and respect and has to have the best learning experience and work experience possible.

On behalf of the Elizabeth Board of Education, we look forward to building our engagement, our teamwork, and our district as one proud Elizabeth Public Schools family. On a personal level, I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible, witnessing the outstanding work you and our students are doing, and celebrating the successes taking place throughout Elizabeth Public Schools.

Sincerely,



Diane Barbosa

**Office of the President of the Elizabeth Board of Education**