

## Makita Saloane

Makita Saloane is the Chair of the Rochester City School District's Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and a parent representative on the Superintendent's Executive School Based Planning Steering Committee. She has been a member of the Parent Advisory Council since 2010, previously holding the position of Vice-Chair from 2010-2013. Ms. Saloane represents Abelard Reynolds (School #42), Wilson Foundation Academy, and Charlotte High School.

Makita Saloane has been involved in education for a decade. She began her involvement when her child entered the Rochester City School District in Kindergarten. Initially, she became a member of the school's PTA, eventually serving as the president. While serving as president she was credited with changing parents' perception of School #42's PTA and increasing minority parent participation. However, she knew that she could make a greater impact by serving at the District level.

Since becoming a member of the PAC, she has been instrumental in elevating the voice of parents and ensuring that their input is a part of decision-making at the school and district level. She has served on numerous committees, including the Title 1 Parent Conference Committee, which in 2013 held the most successful and attending event in the history of the conference. Part of the success was the PAC committee members' suggestion to change the venue and events. This resulted in over 2,000 parents, children, and community members in attendance at Charlotte Beach.

As a parent member of the Superintendent's Executive School Based Planning Steering Committee, she has been active in ensuring 100% of the district's schools are compliant with the required number of parents on their School Based Planning Team and have a parent group. Now, this initiative is tracked annually and reported to the Board of Education Commissioners.

Makita Saloane is an alumna of the Rochester City School District, graduating from John Marshall High School. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and Master's degree in Organizational Leadership. Ms. Saloane is employed by Frontier Communications as a Senior Regulatory Compliance & Reporting Analyst. She currently resides in the city of Rochester with her two daughters who attend School #42 and Wilson Magnet High School Commencement Academy.