

**Carolyn L. Wims Campbell**  
**Kansas Board of Education**  
**District 4**



Proud product of all Black McKinley Elementary. McKinley was located in North Topeka and was one of four Black elementary schools. Life-long member of St. Mark's African Methodist Episcopal Church, currently serving as Stewardess and KS—NE Lay Organization Life Member. Retired manager of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and currently an administrative assistant for the Kansas legislature since 1992. NAACP Life Member 2009.

Elected three terms to Topeka Public Schools Board of Education. Elected to Kansas State Board of Education November 4, 2008, the first African American. Appointed to 2010 Commission for the state of Kansas in 2005. Past service includes president of National Federation Urban Suburban School Districts, regional vice president for the Kansas Association of School Boards 2003-06, president Telephone Pioneers of America Topeka retired chapter, YWCA Board Member, Kettering Foundation Faculty member, Shawnee County Court Appointed Special Advocate, Youth Friends Volunteer. Member of Topeka and Kansas Alliance of Black School Educators, Sheldon Head Start Policy Council, Capital City Schools Site Council, Living The Dream Business Partners Committee.

Proud parent of Erica E. Campbell, Arlington, Va.

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## **Black History Month** **Advocacy Days at the Capitol**

### **African American Kansans and** **Education**

**Thursday, February 25, 2010**  
**10:30 a.m.—12:00 noon**  
**142 South Capitol**

#### **Kansas African American Affairs Commissioners**

Curtis Whitten (4th District), Chairperson  
James Barfield (4th District)  
Latoria Chinn (3rd District)  
Deborah Dandridge (2nd District)  
Harriett Johnson (2nd District)  
Jerome Williams (4th District)

#### **Staff**

Mildred Edwards, Ph.D., Executive Director

**C. Patrick Woods  
Topeka Public Schools  
Board of Education**

C. Patrick Woods lives in Topeka with his wife Anna, a Topeka Public Schools teacher and his young son Zen. When not spending time with his family, Patrick works as the Director of Governmental Affairs, Office of Public and Governmental Services for the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services. Patrick began his state service in the Governor's Office, shortly before the special session of 2005, and the Education Policy Advisory to then Governor Kathleen Sebelius. Since then, Patrick has developed an expert understanding of education policy. Not long after, Patrick was appointed to the Governor's Commission for Healthy and Prepared Schools, which is reviewing ways to ensure that children are in the best possible safety and health conditions to learn.



Patrick has also served on the Kansas Coordinating council on Early Childhood Development Services, which works with agencies, groups and individuals to make recommendations regarding the delivery of health, education and social services for families with young children from birth through age five with or at-risk for disabling conditions.

In addition to his service the State of Kansas, Patrick also serves on the Shawnee County Civil Services Board, services and as the chair of the Parkview-Cambridge Neighborhood Association. Patrick has also been very involved in the district as a YouthFriend mentor at Landon Middle School and as a member of the District Citizens Advisory Council until his election to the Board. Patrick and his family are members of Asbury-Mt. Olive United Methodist Church.

Patrick received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and History with a Minor in Spanish from Friends University in Wichita and has completed studies at the University of Barcelona in Barcelona, Spain and at LaSalle University in Cancun, Mexico. He is currently earning a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Kansas.



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**Kim D. Johnson-  
Burkhalter  
Wichita Public Schools  
Director of Equity and  
Accountability**



Mrs. Burkhalter is a native Kansan, born in Wichita. She is married to Mr. Anthony Burkhalter (fondly known as Tony to others). Kim is the

mother of two adult children Nicole (who's married to David), Amber, and the world smartest and cutest grandson Myles.

Kim attended Wichita State University where she graduate with her undergraduate degree in social work (1992) and furthered her graduate studies at the University of Kansas where she completed her master's in social work (1995). She will complete her doctorate work at Wichita State University in Education Leadership December 2010.

Kim has been employed with USD 259 Wichita Public Schools for 18 years. She works daily to be a voice for equity and change. She's a critical thinker and challenges others to think about their own thinking.

The Director of Equity and Accountability, she works closely with school district leadership and community organization to support and ensure equitable educational access for all Wichita Public School students. Kim collaborates with appropriate staff members to ensure that the District's equity and diversity goals are met. She assists in the development of the district 5-year plan to address education of cultural and racial differences of staff, students, families, community and the like.

She believes "Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world."

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