

Part D: Candidate Strengths and Why for Lisa Smith

In education, we have the opportunity to wear many unique hats, often stacked on top of one another while trying to gracefully balance them on our head. Specifically, as physical educators, we may be asked to also teach health education, adapted physical education, be the school nurse, physical trainer, counselor, pep leader, large group organizer and the list goes on. I pride myself in my ability to wear many hats, not just professionally, but in life. I am also a mother, wife, daughter, coach, community member, teammate, colleague, board member and friend. Truthfully, I enjoy wearing so many hats, they are all so different and make me the unique person I am. I practice inclusive leadership, which means that I am a leader who also knows how to follow. This is a trait that I strive to instill in my students and athletes.

When it comes to serving on the Central District Leadership Council, I can say that I would bring a fresh and creative mindset rooted in inclusion, individualization and adaptation. Serving on the council would certainly allow me to share my vision of serving all students, teachers, future teachers and anyone in the Physical Education and Health classrooms by placing focus on inclusive strategies, the standards and elevating understanding of the needs of our students. From my leadership and networking experience I am confident in my abilities to bring stakeholders together, listen, empower and direct all of our efforts toward quality education for Central District and the nation.