

Dr. Delores Henderson is a recently retired school administrator with St. Paul Public Schools. She was the longest sitting administrator in the State of Minnesota - 46 years. As an employee of St. Paul Public Schools, she was a teacher, Administrator on Special Assignment - Closing the Achievement Gap, Bases for Decision-Desegregation Plan, Joint Appointment with the University of Minnesota - Supervisor of teachers, Instrumental in developing various programs - J.J. Hill Gifted and Talented Magnet, Capital Hill Gifted Magnet and Hazel Park Preparatory Academy International Baccalaureate. She was school administrator in 16 different schools in St. Paul Public Schools. Dr. Henderson served over 20,000 students and families during her career. She was dedicated, committed and passionate in making a difference in the lives of the children, families and communities of which she was a part. Dr. Henderson has been a long time advocate for children, serving as their voice for change and opportunities for excellence in education. She was also an Assistant Superintendent with South St. Paul Public Schools. In addition, Dr. Henderson has served as an instructor at Hamline University, Metropolitan State University and the University of Minnesota. Dr. Henderson received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Wilberforce University in Ohio; Masters and Specialist Degrees in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Minnesota, and Ph.D. in Education Administration - University of Minnesota and is an active alumna of Wilberforce University and the University of Minnesota. She also received an Honorary Doctorate of Human Letters from Macalester College in St. Paul, MN. Dr. Henderson has served on multiple community boards in a variety of

capacities: United/Children Hospital Board (5 years), Regions Hospital Board (5 years), University of Minnesota/Fairview Hospital Board (5 years), Board of Regents - St John University (9 years), Mardag Foundation and Catholic Charities, St Paul Urban League, NAACP, Minnesota Elementary School Principals Board of Directors and many other local and national boards. Additionally, she has led an International Organization, The Links, Incorporated, at the Area level for 5 years, consisting of several chapters in over 15 states within the Central Area. She is a chartered member of the Minneapolis/St. Paul Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Dr. Henderson has received numerous awards to name a few: Minnesota National Principal of the Year, the Martin Luther King, Jr., Spurgeon Award, National Courageous Conversations Award, St. Paul Foundation's Facing Race Ambassador Award, the United Negro College Fund Award for Educational Excellence and the International Paul Price Award from New Zealand. Dr. Henderson is a frequent orator both nationally, as well as locally. She grew up in Ohio with her parents, Maudie and Leila Williams, along with her sixteen siblings. Her parents were hard workers and believed that education was a necessity. She resides in Mendota Heights, MN with her daughter, Mercedes Henderson Clark, and son-in-law, Eric Clark.