



Elizabeth Ann Sanders, Ph.D. — Executive Director

Dr. Sanders is a nationally recognized education leader, education consultant, and former Assistant Superintendent of the Kansas City Public Schools. She has been selected as the Executive Director of DeLaSalle by the Board of Directors and UMKC Charter School Center to develop a workable education and financial plan to best position our school to move ahead and continue our commitment to providing a high-quality, viable education for all of our students.

Dr. Sanders earned her doctorate in Educational Policy and Administration at the University of Kansas, and she has a passionate commitment and deep expertise in creating educational systems that ensure the success of every learner. She has received the national 2016 Dr. Effie H. Jones Humanitarian Award, awarded by the American Association of School Administrators (AASA); and the M. Claradine Johnson Leadership Award, awarded by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

With more than 30 years in education, Dr. Sanders has also served as a Principal in the Blue Valley School District, the Director of Secondary Education in the Olathe School District, and Associate Director and Professor of Continuing Education at Baker University teaching both Foundations of Educational Leadership, and Program Planning and Evaluation in Baker University's doctoral program.

Dr. Sanders has provided leadership for numerous successful educational initiatives including: providing leadership for Kansas City Public Schools to move from being uncredited to being provisionally accredited, directing Olathe's 21st Century Programs, establishing state-wide Advanced Placement Conferences, and serving as chief grant writer garnering more than \$6 million for innovative educational programs.

Dr. Sanders states, "Our community has promised all of our children that we will provide an equal opportunity for every child to have access to The American Dream. DeLaSalle, along with its committed supporters, is passionately dedicated to bringing to fruition the promise that every child will be given a high-quality education and the supports to reach students' fullest potential.