

Biography

Kathleen A. Bertolini | Board of Trustees



Kathleen A. Bertolini is a middle school teacher with more than 25 years public school teaching experience. She is passionate about her profession and views teaching as an art and a craft. She is known as a “go-to” professional and proud to be valued as one whose advice is sought after in education and community leadership.

During her career, Ms. Bertolini has interacted with and taught students of different nationalities, cultural backgrounds, races and ethnicities. This experience has proven invaluable in strengthening her understanding of different cultures and enhanced her ability to be sensitive to multi-cultural needs. In addition, she has worked with students of varying academic skills and cognitive levels. Using Differentiated Instructional techniques, Ms. Bertolini effectively creates academic successes for every student.

As a recognized educational leader, Ms. Bertolini has successfully mentored many college students in their teacher preparation programs. These students often continue to seek out her professional counsel well after their placements have ended. Ms. Bertolini wanted to bring her pedagogical and institutional knowledge to the collegiate level and, in 2016, she was elected to the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees.

Community & Professional Leadership

- Advocate for public education and literacy
- Active volunteer at state and local events including Brooksie Way Half-Marathon, Arts, Beats and Eats and Adopt-a-Highway Program

Education

- Master of Education, Oakland University
- Master of Arts in Teaching, Oakland University
- Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, University of Michigan-Dearborn

Career Highlights

- Chairperson, Social Studies Department, Abbott Middle School
- Educational Liaison, District Curriculum Council, West Bloomfield School District

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