

Lavichia Jones

SUSD Board of Trustees' Area 3

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Occupation: Financial Coach

I help families achieve sound financial habits by teaching concepts to build, protect, and grow their wealth. I provide them peace of mind by offering financial solutions that empower them to achieve their dreams and goals.

Candidate Statement:

I believe I am the *“change that you want to see.”* I am a proud Stocktonian who advocates for students, parents, and teachers, by creating partnerships with businesses and building relationships with organizations within our community. My parental skills, life experiences and education have created a positive thriving atmosphere for my children, Antonio, and Gene, as well as other students to succeed within Stockton Unified School District (SUSD).

For the past 18 years I have been an active supporter of my community by serving on organizations and boards, such as: PTSA (Present), School Site Council (Member), Parent Advisory Committee (Secretary) and many community sports teams (Coach). The achievement of those students was a result of a *“Success Team”*, which consisted of faith-based organizations, community programs and SUSD families. Being a part of these platforms fueled my passion to be active in the First 50, where I mentored at-risk youth; PLTI (Parent Leadership Training Institute) and ABS Tutoring. The

mission of these organizations has created an urgency in me to empower our community to use our voices to bring about universal change.

My priority as a member of the Board of Trustees will be to ensure the physical and emotional safety of our students, teachers, and staff — whether it be COVID-19, bullying, or abuse.

Finally, it is important to me that programs are established which will adequately equip our students achieve their goals—whether it be to go to college, vocational program or immediately into the workforce after graduation. All students must have access to quality education—regardless of their background, special needs, means or race. Everyone deserves to meet their full potential and become the absolute best version of themselves.

Every child matters.