

## Dionne Brady-Howard Bio

My name is Dionne Brady-Howard. My Lingít name is Yeidikook'áa, and I am from the Kiks.ádi clan. I was raised in Sitka and attended the Sitka School District through the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. I graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School in 1991 and earned my Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education from Sheldon Jackson College. My daughters currently attend Blatchley Middle School and Sitka High School. I have been a high school social studies teacher for nearly 20 years now, in my eighteenth year teaching at MEHS. I am active within our Native cultural community, helping lead two dance groups as well as helping with SNEP's 6th through 12th grade culture class, and volunteering as a trainer in diversity as it relates to Alaska Natives. I am also involved in my school's collective bargaining unit as the secretary and lead negotiator.

## Dionne Brady-Howard Advocacy Statement

I am seeking to retain the position I was appointed to last year on this board because I believe in the importance and power of public education for our local and global communities. This is why I went into the education field, and why I submitted my name to fill the vacancy last year. I view the issues and challenges in this unique era of education through many lenses. As a parent of two SSD students, as well as an educator, a cultural community member, and a member of the community and society at-large, I seek to continue to bring those multiple perspectives to the board. I was privileged to be appointed to the board, which, like any position, involves a learning curve. I am asking for your vote now that I have more experience in this position so that I may continue to lend my experiences and voice to the school board, and continue to have the honor of representing the best interests of our children, for the benefit of our Sitka community.

