

## **Dee Brown, Antioch Unified School District/3 – CANDIDATE STATEMENT**

I'm no stranger to standing up and fighting, even when it's not easy or popular. Raised by another family at 5, my grandparents later took me in. My grandfather, my provider and advocate, instilled a deep sense of care and compassion in me. This inspired my commitment to young children, leading me to serve as a preschool teacher, early education school director, and foster parent for children with disabilities. As a foster and adoptive mom, I've provided a safe space for many children, aiming to give them the chance that I was given by those who raised me.

I'm also a member of the Antioch Unified School District's Equity and Excellence Committee. I have collaborated with elected representatives, school staff, and community members to review the School District's first Equity Audit and provide pivotal recommendations for building more inclusive schools.

I will work tirelessly to ensure ALL students, including students with disabilities, have the resources and tools to thrive in our schools and develop the skills necessary to be successful in our complex global economy.

As your school board member, I will fight to (1) Equip teachers and staff with the tools to meet the growing demands of students with disabilities; (2) Ensure students, teachers, and support staff feel safe and valued in our schools (3) Build after-school programs that keep kids off the streets and out of trouble; and (4) Embrace technical training and education, not just college preparation.

I humbly ask for your vote. Learn more here: [www.deebrownca.com](http://www.deebrownca.com)