

Brent 2016-2017 Brent LSAT Candidates

Chrisanne Gayl

Children: Jackson (rising 4th grader) and Jonah (rising 2nd grader)

As a member of the Brent community for more than five years, I have served in many roles to support my children's education from museum coordinator to room parent to member of the PTA Board. Through these experiences, I have learned how fortunate we are at Brent to have such a dedicated staff and engaged parent community that supports our children's learning. I hope to contribute my time and talents next year as a member of the LSAT by lending my voice to important budget and hiring decisions as well as providing thoughtful analysis of our students' performance. I hope to utilize some of my skills as a policy advisor at the U.S. Department of Education to identify areas for growth and improvement so that Brent will be an even better and stronger school than it is today. Thank you!

Jennifer Samolyk

Children: Summer and Capri (rising 4th graders)

My name is Jennifer Samolyk and I am the proud mom of Summer & Capri Romney, rising fourth graders at Brent. I have been a member of the Brent community since my daughters were in pre-K 4. Brent is truly a wonderful school, but it does face some challenges. A number of issues will be facing the LSAT next year including deliberating and approving an Assistant Principal, working to find solutions to the ever present "middle-school" issue, working with Principal Young to find funds in the DCPS budget for capital improvement and determining class structure as the result of Brent's increasing enrollment numbers. I hope to provide accessible and active representation for all of the parents and student at Brent and I look forward to working with Brent leadership to build upon our great success.

I am an active member of the Capitol Hill community and I am currently an ANC

Commissioner in 6B01. I am also the Co-Chair of the ANC Constituency and Outreach Taskforce. Throughout the past two years I have worked with a number of individuals in the Brent community through my involvement on the ANC. Through my work on the ANC, I have gained insight and access to DCPS and Councilmember Allen's office. As for my day job, I have worked at Fannie Mae for the past three years where I was a finalist for the SERVE Volunteer of year award for 2015. I look forward to the opportunity to work with and for all of the parents at Brent by serving as member of the LSAT. I would truly appreciate your vote, and I promise not to let you down.

Zach Ratzman

Children: Noah (rising 1st grader) and Ari (rising PK4)

The LSAT position is appealing to me, for several reasons. First and foremost, it would allow me to be more involved with helping to improve Brent, for my kids and for the community. Second, that involvement would allow me to contribute to Brent's betterment by helping the administration make sound decisions on vital school matters such as curriculum, budgeting, test scores and achievement gap, and staffing. Lastly, serving on the LSAT would play to my strengths, both personally and professionally - I am incredibly analytical and very much enjoy thoughtful, methodical problem-solving, which I believe would make me an asset to the Team. Thank you for your consideration.