

Dr. Geneva Stark Price was recently appointed at the President of the Greater Louisville Alliance of Black School Educators (GLABSE). As president of GLABSE Dr. Price's goals are: to work collaboratively with Jefferson County Public Schools in promoting student achievement, especially for African-American students, to increase membership, to provide professional development for certified and classified staff and most importantly, to educate the African-American community on their roles and responsibilities.

GLABSE board members are: Diane Porter, Executive Director; Faith Graham, Vice President; Veronda Hawkins, Secretary; Derrick Houston, Corresponding Secretary; Sareta Clarkson, Treasurer; Parliamentarian, Shamika Johnson; Lacy Rice, legislation; John Marshal; & Manual Garr, Membership; Dr. Bernard Hamilton, Nomination; Dr. Bernard Minnis, Ole Landmark & Resolutions; Jacqueline Austin & Robin Curry Leadership; Allene Gold & Angela Reed Scholarships; Ida Suggs & Jessica Evans, Research; Aukram Burton, Devone Holt, Dr. John Huggins, Diyana Jones.

THE GREATER LOUISVILLE ALLIANCE OF BLACK SCHOOL EDUCATORS: A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Greater Louisville Alliance of Black School Educators (GLABSE) is a local affiliate of the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE). NABSE was founded in 1970 as a non-profit organization that is devoted to furthering the academic success of the nation's children, especially those children of African descent. The organization has over 5,000 members and over 100 affiliates.

The Purpose of GLABSE is:

To improve, promote, and facilitate the education of all students, and particularly Black students; to establish a coalition of Black educators and others directly or indirectly involved in the educational process; to create a forum for the exchange of ideas and strategies to improve education for Black students; to influence public policy concerning the education of Black People.

The GLABSE Articles of Incorporation

In 1993 GLABSE begin with nearly 50 Charter members. Charter members included such noteworthy educators as Dr. Booker Rice, Dr. Freda Merriweather, Diane Porter,

George Unseld, Dr. John Huggins, Montest Eaves, Georgia Eugene, Raymond Patterson, Dr. Bonnie Marshall, Jacqueline Austin, Dr. Sharon Davis, Dr. Lucian Yates, and Dr. Bernard Minnis. The executive directors included George Unseld and Dr. Joseph Atkins.

The specific functions of the organization are:

- To work to eliminate and rectify the effects of racism in education.
- To significantly raise the academic achievement level of all students and to place emphasis on the type of learning that builds positive and realistic self-concepts among Black students.
- To offer specialized training to prospective educators and education leaders through cooperative programs with school systems and institutions of higher education.

The following past and present activities of GLABSE support its purpose:

- Collaborating with JCPS Superintendent to foster a professional culture in all schools.
- Assisting JCPS with implementing the Supreme Court ruling on the Student Assignment Plan.
- Participating in JCPS's Every 1 Reads Program.
- Developing and distributing of *The Ole Landmark* three times during the year.
- Providing over \$100,000.00 dollars in scholarships to local students.
- Collaborating with the JCPS's Administrator and Recruitment Office on mentoring programs.
- Sponsored local youth in the NABSE African American Male Youth Leadership Summit.
- Collaborated with the NAACP in commemorating the 50th anniversary of school desegregation.
- Collaborated with Dr. Joseph McMillan on the Black Family Conference.
- Collaborated with the Louisville Urban League's Education Summits and its efforts to address the needs of the African American youth who represents more than 36% of all JCPS students.
- Honored JCPS African American retired educators and their dedication to our youth.