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TAMARQUES
PORTER
SCHOOL BOARD - DISTRICT 4

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BIOGRAPHY

Tamarques Porter is a proud native of Memphis, TN, graduate of Melrose High School, and is part of the Bishop Brandon B. Porter lineage. Mr. Porter's journey from a local high school graduate to a seasoned professional in the field of Information Technology reflects his deep commitment to educational excellence and community empowerment.

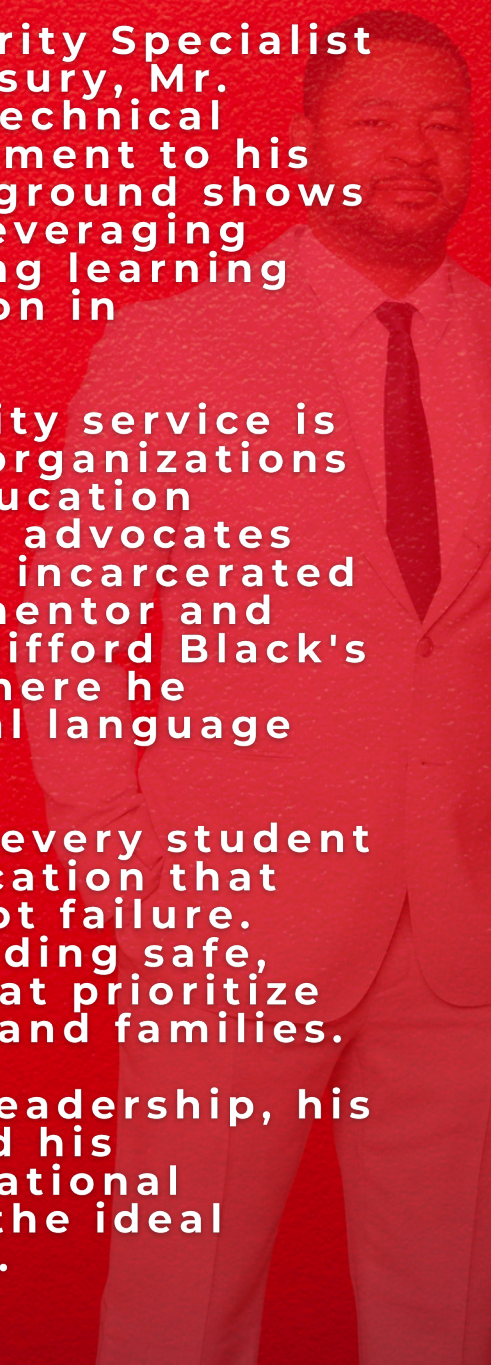
After attending Texas Southern University and then earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology and a Master of Science in Technology Management from the University of Phoenix, he embarked on a career dedicated to leveraging technology for positive social impact.

Currently serving as a Cybersecurity Specialist with the U.S. Department of Treasury, Mr. Porter brings a unique blend of technical expertise and community engagement to his candidacy. His professional background shows his unwavering commitment to leveraging technology as a tool for enhancing learning outcomes and fostering innovation in education.

Porter's commitment to community service is evident in his involvement with organizations such as the Tennessee Higher Education Prison Initiative (THEI), where he advocates for educational opportunities for incarcerated individuals. He also serves as a mentor and facilitator in programs like Dr. Clifford Black's Super Learning Literacy Class, where he empowers students with essential language and computer literacy skills.

He is dedicated to ensuring that every student has access to a high-quality education that prepares them for success and not failure. Porter is also committed to providing safe, diverse, and inclusive policies that prioritize the needs of students, teachers, and families.

With his proven track record of leadership, his deep roots in the community, and his unwavering commitment to educational excellence, Tamarques Porter is the ideal candidate to represent District 4.



FOCUS POINTS:

- **Safe, Inclusive Schools:** Policies promoting safety within our school and in our community so that our children may focus on their education.
- **Mental Health Support:** Access to counselors and programs for student mental and emotional well-being.
- **Teacher Development:** Supporting and fully funding educators for student excellence.
- **Equitable Education:** Fair funding and resources for every student's success.
- **Further Education:** Develop a curriculum that equips students with both vocational skills and college readiness to thrive in an ever-changing economy and society.
- **Youth Activities:** Partner with non-profit organizations to provide more collaborative interactive activities for our youth.

PAST EXPERIENCE:

- Served on the Advisory Council for District 86 for the late State Representative Barbara Cooper
- Annual facilitator for the Barbara Cooper Jones Initiative
- Working with children and adults in Dr. Clifford Black's Super Learning Literacy Classes
- Mayor Lee Harris selected him to serve on the Shelby County IT Steering Committee
- Former MSCS employee

ENDORSEMENTS

- Bishop Brandon B. Porter
- Pastor Kenneth Whalum
- Rev Frank E. Ray Sr
- Musician/Songwriter David Porter
- County Commissioner Erika Sugarmon
- County Commissioner Britney Thornton
- County Commissioner Mick Wright
- State Senator London Lamar
- Memphis City Councilwoman Pearl Walker
- Memphis City Councilwoman Jerri Green
- State Representative Torrey Harris
- State Representative Jesse Chism
- State Representative Joe Towns
- School Board Member Chair Althea Green
- School Board Member Vice Chair Joyce Dorse Coleman
- And More

EDUCATION:

- Melrose High Alumni
- Attended Texas Southern University and received his Bachelors and Masters at the University of Phoenix

ORGANIZATIONS:

- Small Business Owner
- The Super Learning Group
- Inward Journey inc.
- Fathers First Initiative
- Memphis Made Mentors
- Leaders of Color
- Founding member of Blacks and Latinos in Technology (BLIT)

BOARD MEMBER OF:

- Tennessee Higher Education Initiative (THEI)
- Shelby County Government IT Steering Committee
- Whisper Ridge HOA, Vice President

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BELLE FOREST COMMUNITY SCHOOL
GERMANSHIRE ELEMENTARY
GERMANTOWN ELEMENTARY
HIGHLAND OAKS ELEMENTARY
LOWRANCE K-8 SCHOOL
OAK FOREST ELEMENTARY
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HICKORY RIDGE MIDDLE
HIGHLAND OAKS MIDDLE
GERMANTOWN HIGH
KIRBY HIGH
SOUTHWIND HIGH**

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS
& STAFF AT MSCS**

OVER

100K

STUDENTS

OVER

6K

TEACHERS