

## Ms. Melinda Daye



Ms. Daye is a lifelong resident of north-end Halifax. She is a sought after renowned speaker, facilitator, organizer and advocate, and the recipient of many national and international awards. She believes these things to have only caused her to look deeper within: for with this comes the sense of humility and a depth of character.

She considers herself to have a serving heart. She has served in various capacities within the church as youth and choir leader, Church Clerk, Sunday School Superintendent, President of the Women's Missionary Society and currently as Deacon

serving with and alongside the Rev. Dr. Rhonda Britton. Her strongest passion is demonstrated for those less fortunate, the children, women and overall community. With over three decades of experience as teacher and principal, community advocate where she has demonstrated leadership, management, integrity, and compassion. For many years she served to enhance the quality of education for north-end residents on the Inner City Education Committee and most recently an Initiative of Police and Community – called Uptown Drug Strategy.

She was elected as the African Nova Scotian School Board member in 2012 for a four-year term. In 2013 Minister Karen Casey appointed her to the position Chair of the Halifax Regional School Board. In 2015, fellow members elected her as their Chair of HRSB. During my term of chair, she was instrumental in leadership on Student Appeal hearings, and most recently May 2015, appearing and in response to the Auditor General's report before the Public Accounts Committee in the House of Assembly. She has served on Board of Directors (NSSBA) Nova Scotia School Board Association, and later on the Leadership Advisory Committee with all Chairs and Superintendents from across the province. She has held the positions of Executive Director and later President of the BEA Black Educators Association.

Ms. Daye is a:

\* a founding member and secretary to the original (BLAC) Black Learners Advisory Committee and the (CACE) Council on African Canadian Education.

\* a founding member of 1989 (CCAD) Concerned Citizens Against Drugs where the office and resources were located on Gottingen Street.

\* currently a member of the (HCIF) Halifax Community Investment Fund-assisting students from inner-city Halifax with bursaries, and seniors over 65 with writing a Will

\* (NCCC) North Central Community Council 'Bringing people together to make good things happen'

\* Waves of Compassion- Inter-faith Council helping to make HRM a more compassionate city people

\* African Nova Scotian Health Issues and Assistance program

\* In June 2016, she was recognized to the Dr. W.P. Oliver Wall of Fame at the Black Cultural Center in Dartmouth Nova Scotia.