

# **MS. BETTY J. FENWICK-NORTH**

*THE PREPARATORY SCHOOL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA*

*FOUNDER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*

## **BIO**

Ms. Betty J. Fenwick-North was born and raised in Southern Maryland. She was educated in both catholic schools and the public schools. She graduated from Laplata High School in Southern Maryland. After receiving her Bachelor Degree in Science, from Johnson C Smith College, in North Carolina, she furthered her education and received her Master Degree at the National Louis University in Washington, DC.

Armed with the dissatisfaction with how her only child was being educated in the DC public schools system and the burning desire to rescue other children, she made it her point to put her vision into existence. Opening her first daycare in the basement of her home, she enrolled children from her neighborhood, children of family members, and children of friends. Ms. North's goal was to provide her students with a structured, nurturing, and safe learning environment.

Due to the influx in the day care's enrollment, Ms. North with the help of her dedicated staff and parents expanded her child care services. Soon the school had reached it capacity, which motivated Ms. North to move into her first building in 1984, in which she named "The Preparatory School for Early Learning".

In 1992, Ms. North decided to take The Preparatory School of Early Learning's approach and incorporate it into a great learning experience for school age children. That is how the Preparatory School of the District of Columbia was founded. The parents where so impressed with the outcomes of their children's learning experience and the small class size approach, that they persuaded Ms. North to expand the school grades to not only Middle School, but now High School also. As of today, the school levels are from infancy to the 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

Ms. North's passion, dedication, and perseverance for the students of The Preparatory Schools cannot be measured. She has been committed to the success of all her students. The Preparatory School of the District of Columbia has provided a superb educational foundation for a number of the District's youth. Ninety five percent of the school's alumni have graduated from the metropolitan area top academic high schools and go on to continue their educational career's at some of the most prestigious Colleges and Universities in United States.

Ms. Betty J. Fenwick-North has not only been on the Administrative aspect of The Preparatory School of DC, but also has been the first and second grade teacher since the school opened its doors to school age children. She has received the "Whose Who" Business Women Award, and also serves as the Vice President of the District of Columbia's School Age Care Program. Currently, Ms. North has joined forces with; DC Public Schools, DC Children & Youth Investment Corporation, Greater Washington Boys and Girls Club, Office of Partnership and Grants, The Foundation Center, Dept. of Mental Health "Capital CARES", Washington Urban League , Child and Family Service, Dept. of Human Services, Dept. of Employment Services, DC Parks and Recreation, Dept of Interior Community Outreach Office, Operation HOPE "Banking on Our Future" (BOOF), and Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) to assist with educational foundation of The Preparatory School of the District of Columbia's students.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"  
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

Name: Betty North Preparatory School of DC

1. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) you have received since October 1, 2008. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract.

OPportunity Scholarship Program  
Washington Scholarship Program - 2008 - \$88,000.00  
Washington Scholarship Program - 2009 - \$170,000.00

2. Please list any entity you are testifying on behalf of and briefly describe your relationship with these entities.

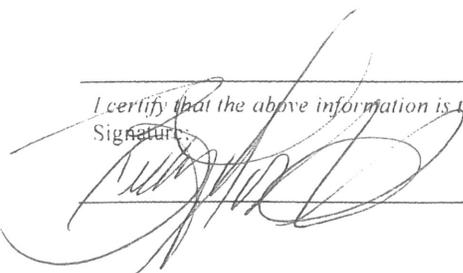
DC OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
Provides the Scholarships.

3. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) received since October 1, 2008, by the entity(ies) you listed above. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract.

Opportunity Scholarship Program

Children and Youth Investment trust Corp. -  
2010 - \$368,380.00

I certify that the above information is true and correct.

Signature: 

Date: 2/25/11