



Mercy High School Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

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Traci L. Smith has over 15 years of experience as a secondary educator with two Bachelor of Arts degrees from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in Secondary English Education and Organizational Studies. She went on to earn her Masters in Education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in Urban Education and Policy. She has experience teaching in both urban and suburban settings, from a charter school in Detroit, to an all-male parochial school in Warren.

Among many of her accomplishments, Traci has presented at the Michigan Council for Teachers of English, she is a consultant for the National Writing Project and she has sponsored and/or taken high school students on international service projects to places such as Nepal, Nicaragua, and Haiti.

Traci is a native of the city of Detroit and attended Detroit Public Schools for her middle and high school years. Traci has a commitment to helping youth, especially those who are at-risk, navigate through the traps that ensnare so many, and help them learn the virtue of resiliency. Throughout her career, she has worked with programs aimed at mentoring youth, international cultural exchanges, and post-secondary readiness. Traci wants *all* youth to have the tools needed for success in life.

Traci has been married to her husband Keith for over 12 years and they share an 8-year-old daughter Savannah and are in the process of adopting a 2-year-old son, Tyler.