

Dr. Tonia Holmes-Sutton

Dr. Tonia Holmes-Sutton is a National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT). An accomplished educator of twenty years, she previously served as a teacher and leader for the Clark County School District in Southern Nevada. Tonia serves and leads educators as a founder and director of the Nevada National Board Professional Learning Institute: *Empowering Teachers as Leaders and Learners*. She also leads as a founding member and Board Director of the National Board Network for Accomplished Minority Educators (NAME). Dr. Holmes-Sutton has recently assumed leadership as the Interim State Director for Teach Plus Nevada.

Committed to the belief that all children deserve an accomplished, effective teacher, Tonia works to embed accomplished teaching and leading along the professional teaching career continuum, scaling to Board certification. She commits to serve and support educators (preservice, novice, professional, and teacher leaders), through innovative programming and partnerships with district, state, and national education organizations.

Tonia served as a Governor-appointed member on the Nevada State Board of Education for five years. She is a Board Director for the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, the WestEd Board of Directors, and a Board Trustee for the National Teachers Hall of Fame. Within these roles, Tonia commits to excellence in service through education. She joins the State Public Charter School Authority with a passion and purpose to deepen her commitment to all children,

Tonia earned her doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, her master's degree in Special Education (Early Childhood Education) from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and her bachelor's degree in Social Sciences from Hawaii Loa College. Living in seven states and abroad, Tonia has made Las Vegas, Nevada home with her husband and daughter.