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Dedicated Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) elementary teacher and civil rights advocate Erika Jones is serving her second three-year term on the Board, which expires June 25, 2021. She represents members of United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA).

She has taught for 13 years in LAUSD teaching kindergarten through 5th grade.

Her UTLA union experience includes serving as the West Area chair, board of directors, House of Representatives, Political Action Council of Educators (PACE), and as a building rep. She served as a delegate to the CTA State Council of Education for five years and chaired the Council's Civil Rights in Education Committee. Jones also served as an alternate to the NEA Board and on the CTA Long-Term Strategic Planning Workgroup that devised a blueprint for CTA's future centered around goals of organizing, advocacy, community engagement and social justice.

Born in New York and raised in Kentucky, Jones has lived in California since 1990. For two years before her teaching career began, she worked in public relations and was an agent for make-up, wardrobe and hairstylist professionals in Hollywood.

"As a social justice advocate, I was drawn to the classroom," Jones says. "I haven't looked back since and truly feel educators can and will change the world for the better."

She holds a Bachelor's in International Business from Mount St. Mary's University in Los Angeles, and earned her teaching credential and a Master's degree in Curriculum Instruction from California State University, Northridge. She also completed the Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education Program: Leadership, Organizing and Action - Leading Change.

Jones lives in Los Angeles.



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