

Paula Veach



My passion in life is the education of children. In my family, my grandmother and mother were teachers so education was greatly valued.

Educational background:

I graduated from Eisenhower High School, in Decatur, in 1967.

I graduated in 1971 from Eastern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education.

I graduated in 1979 from the University of Illinois with a Master's Degree in Elementary Education. I also earned 32 hours in post-graduate work.

Work experience:

My first year teaching was at St. Thomas in Decatur.

I then began teaching kindergarten for the Decatur Public School district, where I continued for 37 years. I did take a year's study leave to teach in Queensland, Australia. I retired from my teaching job in 2010 and have been substituting on a regular basis.

Leadership rolls:

I have had numerous leadership rolls throughout my life. I was president of my dormitory at Eastern. I was also president of the Association of Kindergarten Teachers in Decatur. I have chaired and been a member of numerous task forces throughout my teaching career.

Family life:

My daughter and son both graduated from St. Teresa. My son's family live in Brownsburg, Indiana and his two daughters attend St. Malachy School. My daughter's daughter is a first grader at St. Patrick School.

I think there is a great need for faith-based education. I believe my background and personal strengths will be of benefit to St. Patrick School.