

## ***Debra J. Jupka***

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**Summary** - Successful and strong community advocate , mentor and consultant for older adults and high school students throughout Milwaukee County with a strong basis in diverse and equity-based outreach. Private victories which lead to public victories in relationship and partnership building and development,

### **Skills**

- Strong organizer
- Creativity – strong use of the arts
- Advocate
- Change agent
- Begins with the end in mind and can develop the steps necessary to get there
- In depth knowledge of Milwaukee County
- Works on building relationships with cross generational and diverse groups
- Team player and a leader – takes on the needed role
- Analytical skills that assist with strong verbal communication
- Other areas upon request

### **Experience**

- Retired MPS teacher and principal /34 plus years of service
- Board member of MARTA – Milwaukee Area Retired Teachers’ Association – coordinator of the annual service project.
- A faculty founder of Rufus King High School for the College Bound
- Co-founder of the RSVP Tutoring program for MPS which at its zenith had 300 trained and supported older adult volunteers in over 60 MPS schools with a total of 13,000 hours of volunteer time annually.
- Former member of Milwaukee Succeeds with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation
- Former Assessor, Alumni Board Member at Alverno
- Member of the Vanguard Society
- Former member of the MICAH Education task force
- Current member of the Milwaukee Community Schools Leadership Team
- Member of the NAF Advisory Board for James Madison High School
- Two term commissioner on the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging serving as the Executive Secretary, Co-Chair and Acting Chair during that tenure.
- Currently a member of the COA Advisory Committee, the select Senior Citizens Center subcommittee as well as a consultant to the Executive Committee

- Member of the ADRC Governing Board – 1 term
- Member of Mt. Zion MBC and helps coordinate the mission project between the church and Carver Elementary School
- Master Adjudicator for WSMA – Wisconsin School Music Association
- Mentor and consultant to several additional school or older adult based organizations
- Other – upon request

### **Education**

- Product of MPS – 1971
- Alverno College Graduate – double major Education/Performance
- Northwestern University – Masters in Education/performance and Afro-Centered music studies
- Cardinal Stritch – Educational Administration Certification
- Other workshops in equity, diversity, team building and other areas.

Additional references available upon request