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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE – As the President and CEO of Readers 2 Leaders, a nonprofit organization focused on improving the reading skills of underserved Dallas children, Ms. Nelson oversees all aspects of the organization’s day-to-day operations and sets its strategic vision. The organization interacts with the broader Dallas non-profit and business community on collaborative endeavors supporting early literacy.

With her earlier work as a teacher and assistant principal, Ms. Nelson has broad experience with multiple aspects of elementary and middle-school education. Past participation in Dallas Public Voices Greenhouse and the Dallas Civic Voices Cohort of Leadership ISD, has prepared her for a leadership role in the Dallas education community.

Ms. Nelson is 100% fluent in Spanish.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Readers 2 Leaders, Dallas, TX - Director of Programs 2011-2015 and President & CEO, 2016 – present.
- St. Mary of Carmel School, Dallas, TX – Board Chair 2017 – 2019 and Secretary, Board of Directors 2019 – present.
- Dallas Public Voices Greenhouse, Dallas TX: Dallas Public Voices Fellow, 2018
- Leadership ISD, Dallas, TX: Participant in Dallas Civic Voices Cohort 2017 – 2018.
- St. Mary of Carmel School, Dallas, TX: Teacher 2004 – 2011 and Assistant Principal 2007 – 2011.
- Immaculate Conception Catholic School, Grand Prairie, TX: Teacher 2003 - 2004

EDUCATION

Master of Education – Elementary Education, University of Notre Dame, May 2005
Bachelor of Arts, University of Notre Dame, May 2003

PUBLICATIONS

- *“Read this - US Literacy Gap Needs Closing”* The Hill, April 2018
- *“C’mon Get Happy: Protecting Ourselves from Tragedy”* Gamet News, May 2018