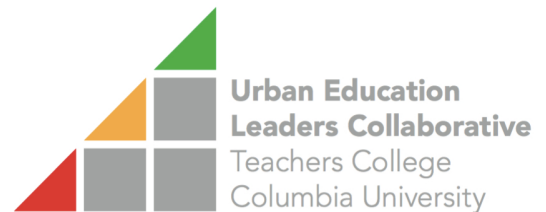
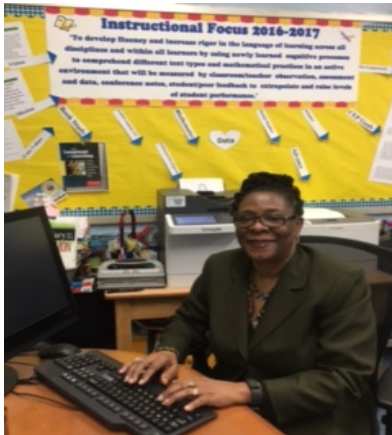


# CSD 16 Principal Spotlight



## Principal Cynthia Celestine Bio

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Dr. Cynthia Celestine, principal of the Jesse Owens School/P.S. 26 for approximately 6 years, provided a total of eleven years of distinguished supervisory service to the children of New York City. Educational qualifications include: B.A. (Elementary Education) from York College, Jamaica, New York; M.S. (Special Education) from Adelphi University, Garden City, Long Island, New York; SBL and SDL (Administrative License) from the College of Saint Rose; Ed.D (Educational Leadership) from NorthCentral University, Phoenix, Arizona. Author of two

children's books – *Count to Ten* and *The Tub Fight*. In 2013 received the UFT Principal Appreciation Award for the showmanship of Humanity to students, staff and parents within the school community.

## Hopes for Leadership Collaborative Pilot

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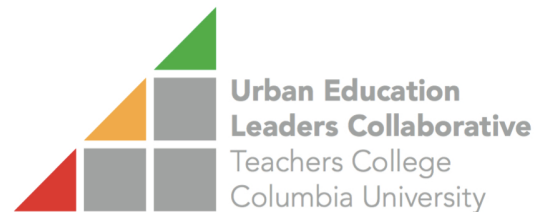
The Leadership Collaborative Pilot is a timely professional development for leaders. Before UELC, I was at crossroads in my career. The burning unspoken questions were – “What are the clear expectations... how do I know that I am on the right path?” This program has provided ways of seeing and looking at leadership with different and additional lenses. I am hopeful that this collaboration will continue to provide the opportunity for the exchange of professional ideas and continued occasions for knowledgeable conversations that will benefit all leaders and our community as a whole.

## Leadership Strengths

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- Action oriented
  - Setting goals and timelines
  - Collector of valued information
  - The love of learning, processing and disseminating information
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## **Signature Themes – StrengthsFinder 2.0**

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1. Significance
2. Activator
3. Input
4. Learner
5. Intellection

## **Goals for 2016-2017**

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To strive to be a better listener and communicator to all constituents in the learning community by being more attentive and sensitive to the spoken and unspoken words; Continue to research methods and effective strategies that will improve the quality of teaching and learning for students and adults in an atmosphere where teachers and students take risks and an active and leading role in facilitating valued professional development.

## **P.S. 26/The Jesse Owens School**

The Jesse Owens School, pioneers of the District 16 Gifted and Talented program, is a Professional Learning Community serving 220 students from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 5.

Our mission is to engage staff, families and community partners to make a difference in the life of each student. We provide all students with an exceptional education to develop their mind and nurture their spirit; empowering them to pursue their dreams and change the world.



We maintain high expectations for success and work collaboratively to ensure that all students learn. Our strengths lie in the ability to engage students in rigorous learning experiences. The 2015 – 2016 Quality Review documents our strengths in the following well-developed areas: Curriculum, Pedagogy and High Expectations.