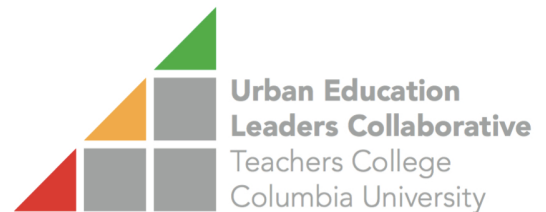


# CSD 16 Principal Spotlight



## **Mrs. Sharon Odwin**

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Mrs. Sharon Odwin is a native of Houston Texas where she began her career in education as a teacher's assistant working with students with special needs. She attended North Texas State University and after moving to Jamaica New York in 1989, continued her education. She obtained a B.A. from Queens College, an M.S. from Adelphi University and an Administrative Degree from The College of St. Rose. Mrs. Odwin's experience stretches from the elementary level to the college level as she worked for many years as an adjunct professor at Cuny's York College in Jamaica, New York for 17 years. Mrs. Odwin has worked as an elementary school teacher, a reading specialist, literacy coach and the past

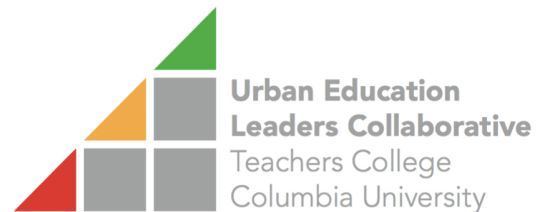
14 years working as an Assistant Principal in a Middle School in Queens, New York. Her motto is 'Educators Save Lives'”

Mrs. Odwin is the new principal of The Clara Cardwell School where she is passionately committed to providing the students with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills that improve scholarship and extend learning opportunities for all students, teachers and parents. Her desire is for her students to become ambassadors of their own learning. Her vision is to transform PS 308 into a learning environment with suitable systems which prepares her community of learners for competition in an ever growing global world.

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## **Hopes for Leadership Collaborative Pilot**

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My hope for the UELC D16 Pilot is that it will continue. I look forward to networking with my colleagues on a monthly basis on the campus of Columbia's Teacher's College. The topics discussed are vital to the work of school leaders in New York City and therefore I am enjoying the opportunity to learn, grow and sharpen my leadership skills with my fellow colleagues from District 16.

## **Leadership Strengths**

Ms. Odwin's Leadership's Strengths:

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- Staff Development
  - Literacy Development
  - Teacher Training
  - Educational Leadership
  - Strengthening the Instructional Core
  - Data Driven Instruction
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## **Signature Themes – StrengthsFinder 2.0**

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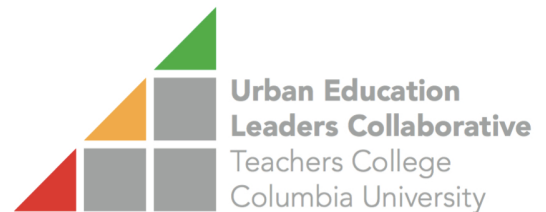
1. Intellection
2. Belief
3. Innovation
4. Learner
5. Connectedness

## **Goals for 2016-2017**

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- Our students will meet their ELA and Math targets by focusing on tasks which promote critical thinking and problem solving skills.
- Teachers will collaborate during weekly 90 minute planning sessions to develop and implement standardized protocols for writing rigorous tasks aligned to the Common Core Learning standards.
- Provide curricular that is challenging and culturally relevant engaging all students at multiple levels.

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## **The Clara Cardwell 16K308**

PS 308 is a K-8 school located in the Bedford Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn New York. It is a Brownstone neighborhood with deep cultural and historic roots. PS 308k was once the pride of Bedford Stuyvesant however it continues to be a place where students can benefit from a creative environment that allows them to express their talents through a variety of mediums. Parents are drawn to our school because of its long legacy of excellence and warm sense of community. As we rebuild, we create goals for our students both inside and outside of the classroom. We expose our students to the highest level of technology in our state-of-the-art computer and science labs and provide special enrichment opportunities, such as Chess through our after school program and a resurgence of our regents program. The Sports and Arts in Schools Foundation, our CBO offer middle school students a multitude of engaging after school activities such as STEM, Culinary, Sports, Leadership, Dance, Cheerleading and Academic Intervention. Our Community Based Organization, Partnership With children are on board with clinicians, social workers and mentors to help with the students' socio-emotional development.

Our desire is to promote a lifelong love of learning for all at PS 308. Our mission is to prepare our students, teachers and parents to be able to achieve their full potential as partners in ensuring students make positive choices in navigating through their academic and social experiences. This will be accomplished by teaching our students to think critically and conscientiously. PS 308 has recently acquired the name "The Home of the Rising Stars". This indicates a rebirth in structure and processes through which all stakeholders will grow and develop.