



Principal Eugene Stovall Board Member

Principal Stovall comes from Oakland CA where he earned a Bachelor's degree in liberal studies from San Francisco State University in 2004. He started student teaching that same year and moved to Baltimore where I taught for seven years, 1st and 2nd grade, and also 6-8 grade.

Principal Stovall obtained his Master's Degree from Johns Hopkins University in Education and moved back to Oakland in 2011. He was hired by Oakland Unified School District to teach 6th grade English and Social Studies. That same year he began working for a non profit group called Beats Rhymes and Life providing social emotional regulation through hip hop therapy for youth ages 14-24. As a rap artist, he was hired to teach these kids how to rap and search their feelings through hip hop music. After a 12 week program, our goal was to have kids create 9 different songs; the past, present and future of themselves, the past, present and future of hip hop, and the past, present and future of their communities. He helped them record their music and prepare them to perform their music in front of a live audience.

In 2016, he left Beats Rhymes and Life to pursue his career and became an assistant principal for two years, then becoming a site leader at an elementary school for four years in Oakland. He now reside in Sacramento CA where he has been a Principal at Matsuyama Elementary School for almost a year. He has a total of 19 years experience serving youth of all ages in schools and in non profit social emotional learning.