

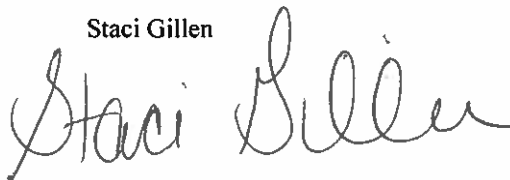
To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Staci Gillen. I am currently a mathematics teacher at Dunedin High School in Pinellas County. I have been in education for 12 years. I have sat back and watched what is currently occurring in our state. I believe that some of the changes being proposed are good for our state. There are some however that need major changes. I have been working, slowly on a reform proposal, which I feel may benefit the state.

Now, you may be asking yourself, why her? She has never even run a school. That is correct, but I am in the trenches. I walk into a classroom of struggling students everyday and have to find ways to motivate them. I see how administrators are destroying schools, as are school board employees and superintendents. I have been part of several school districts, some functional, some dysfunctional, but they all have one thing in common. They are all screaming for change.

I am ready to roll my sleeves up and start making change happen in our state, for the benefit of our children. I am including the rough draft of my proposal, so you can get an idea of what I am about, but keep in mind it is a rough draft, a very rough draft. Please, consider me. We need change I our state, but we need change that is going to matter and that is going to be effective. I am that change!

Staci Gillen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Staci Gillen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the printed name.



Application for the Position of The Commissioner of Education

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EDUCATIONAL RECORD

Name & Location of Institution	Year(s)	Degree	Major(s)	Minor(s)
American Intercontinental University	2002-2004	M.B.A. and Masters in Marketing	Business	
University of Florida	1997-1999	Bachelors in Special Education	Special Education - focus on mentally handicap and emotional handicap	
Indian River Community College	1995-1997	A.A.	Education	Undeclared Minor - music

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

(Indicate relevant leadership responsibilities)

1. Member of the Pinellas County Mathematics Council

EXPERIENCE

(List in consecutive order beginning with the next most recent position following the position listed on page 1.)

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Position/Institution/Location</i>	<i>Supervisor's Name & Title</i>	<i>Supervisor's Phone</i>
<i>To: present</i>	<i>Math Teacher/Math Department Head/ School Based Leadership Team Member</i>	<i>Mr. Hepburn - Principal Dr. Campbell -Assistant Principal</i>	<i>(Business) 727-469-4100</i>
<i>From: 2008</i>	<i>Dunedin High School - Dunedin, Florida</i>		<i>(Home)</i>
<i>Reason for leaving (please be specific):</i>	<i>To serve as Florida Education Commissioner</i>		
<i>To: 2008</i>	<i>Math Co-Teacher/ Algebra 1 Teacher/ESE Case Manager</i>	<i>Dr. Campbell - Principal</i>	<i>(Business) 727-469-4100</i>
<i>From: 2006</i>	<i>Gibbs High School</i>		<i>(Home)</i>
<i>Reason for leaving (please be specific):</i>	<i>I had a gun pulled out in my classroom and no longer felt safe due to the reaction of the administration. I asked to be transferred t another school.</i>		
<i>To:2006</i>	<i>Math and Science Co-Teacher/ ESE Case Manger Team Leader/Design Team Member/ Math Teacher grades 6,7,8</i>	<i>Oak Hammock - Mr. O'Keefe - Principal (None of the supervisors are still there) My math department head was Sarah MacLachlan</i>	<i>(Business) Sarah - 772-785-5640</i>
<i>From:2005</i>	<i>Mitchell High School and Oak Hammock K-8</i>		<i>(Home)</i>
<i>Reason for leaving (please be specific):</i>	<i>Left Oak Hammock because of move Left Mitchell because I got position in another county</i>		
<i>To: 2005</i>	<i>Math Teacher/Special Education Teacher/Cheerleading Coach/Lead Teacher of Design Team</i>	<i>Steve Valencia - now works at district</i>	<i>(Business) 772-429-7521</i>
<i>From: 2000</i>	<i>Fort Pierce Central High School</i>	<i>Kerry Patrick - Student Achievement A.P. When I left, now principal at a middle school</i>	<i>772-468-5700</i>
<i>Reason for leaving (please be specific):</i>	<i>I took another position in the district</i>		

REFERENCES

(Names of four persons who can discuss your experience and qualifications in detail.)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Official Position</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>
John Nygren	Math Coach at Dunedin High School	<i>Business 727-469-4200</i>
		<i>Home</i>
		<i>Cell</i>
Ruben Hepburn	Principal - Dunedin High	<i>Business 727-469-4200</i>
		<i>Home</i>
		<i>Cell</i>
Eric Allen	Principal - Dunedin High School	<i>Business 727-469-4200</i>
		<i>Home</i>
		<i>Cell</i>
Steve Valencia	Former Principal Fort Pierce Central	<i>Business 772-429-7521</i>
		<i>Home</i>
		<i>Cell</i>

BACKGROUND CHECK AND INFORMATION

In addition to the following information, a thorough background check may be made at the option of the employer.

If "Yes" is selected in response to any question, attach additional sheets and clearly identify as Background Check and Information with a detailed explanation:

"YES" answers to the following questions will not necessarily result in denial of an offer of employment. The employer will consider all the circumstances, including the date and nature of events that have led to the actions described below. Your written explanation will assist the employer in determining your eligibility and suitability for an offer of employment.

1. Have you ever been convicted of, admitted committing, pleaded no contest, or are you awaiting trial for any crime (excluding only minor traffic violations that do not involve any allegations of alcohol, drugs or reckless driving) or have any civil charges previously or pending involving allegations of child abuse or spousal abuse? You must answer "YES" if true, even if the matter was later dismissed, deferred, reversed, or vacated. If you answer "YES" you must provide dates of the proceedings, the name and address of the court where the proceedings occurred, a statement of the accusation against you and the final disposition of the case(s).

No

Yes, attach a separate sheet for explanation

2. Have you ever been dismissed (fired) from any job, or resigned at the request of or pressure from your employer, or left employment while charges against you or an investigation of your behavior was pending or been refused tenure, reappointment or continuing contract from any employer? You must answer "YES" if true, even if the matter was later resolved with any form of settlement or severance agreement, regardless of its terms. If you answer "YES" you must provide the date of termination or resignation and other action concerning tenure reappointment or continuing contract denial and the name, address and telephone number of the employer(s) and a statement of the alleged reasons for termination or resignation.

No

Yes, attach a separate sheet for explanation

3. Have you ever had any license or certificate of any kind (teaching certificate or other professional license) revoked, suspended, or reprimanded, or have you in any way been sanctioned by or is any charge or complaint now pending against you before any licensing, certification or other regulatory agency or body, public or private? If you answer "YES" you must provide the dates of proceedings, name, address and telephone number of the agency or body where proceedings took place, a statement of the accusations against you, the final disposition and/or status of the charge or complaint.

No

Yes, attach a separate sheet for explanation

4. Are you now being investigated for any alleged misconduct or other alleged grounds for discipline by any licensing, certification or other regulatory body (teacher certification or otherwise) or by your current or any previous employer? If you answer "YES" you must provide the name, address and telephone number of the employer or licensing body and statement of the accusation against you.

No

Yes, attach a separate sheet for explanation

5. Have you ever been involved, or are you currently involved, or do you anticipate involvement in litigation either as the plaintiff/complainant or defendant/respondent?

No

Yes, attach a separate sheet for explanation

6. Have you ever filed a grievance/complaint of any kind against an employer?

No

Yes, attach a separate sheet for explanation

VERIFICATION STATEMENT

(Please read carefully and sign the statement below.)

The information in the Application for Employment is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I have answered all questions to the best of my ability and I have not withheld any information that would unfavorably affect my application for employment. I acknowledge that any misrepresentation or omission of any fact in my application, resume, or any other materials, or during any interviews, may be the cause for my rejection from employment or may result in my subsequent dismissal if I am hired.

APPLICANT'S FILE MUST INCLUDE:

- A letter of application stating personal qualifications, experiences, and reasons for interest in the position.
- A *signed* official application form **and** current resume.
- The names of four persons who will serve as references and can be contacted. *(Include name, title, and telephone numbers for both home and business and a cell phone number, if known.)*
- Several *current* letters of recommendation.

Please Direct All Inquiries,
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Objective The state of Florida needs someone who will reform education the right way! That is why I am the next Education Commissioner!

Education **University of Florida Gainesville, FL**
Bachelors Degree in Special Education - emphasis on mentally Handicap and Emotional Handicap

American Intercontinental University Georgia
Masters Degree in Business Administration
Masters Degree in Marketing

Professional **2008 - present Dunedin High School Dunedin, Florida**
Mathematics Teacher - FCAT Prep class, Intensive Algebra, Algebra 1a/1b
Mathematics Department Chair
Special Education Case Manager - 1 year - managed 30 + students
Member of School Based Leadership Team
Member of A plus Committee

2006 - 2008 Gibbs High School St. Petersburg, Florida
Mathematics Teacher - Algebra 1
Special Education Co-Teacher - Algebra 1a/1b
Special Education Case Manager - 30 + students

2005 - 2006 Oak Hammock K-8/Mitchell High School Port St. Lucie, Florida/ New Port Richey, Florida
Mathematics Teacher - Algebra 1, 7th grade math, pre-algebra
Team leader
Design Team Member
Literacy Team
Special Education Co-Teacher - Algebra 1 and Physical Science
Special Education Case Manager - 20 students

2000 - 2005 Fort Pierce Central High School Fort Pierce, Florida

Mathematics Teacher - Intensive Math

Special Education Teacher - Algebra 1, English 1, English 2, English 3, Reading 1

Special Education Case Manager 20 + students

Literacy Council Member

Lead Teacher W.O.W Design Team

Varsity Cheerleading Coach

Junior Varsity Cheerleading Coach

Freshman Class Sponsor

Sophomore Class Sponsor

Co-team leader 9th grade team

1999 - 2000 Wharton High School Tampa, Florida

Special Education Teacher - Algebra 1, Unique Skills, Math 9-12, English 1

Special Education Case Manager - 20 students

Professional Memberships

Pinellas County Teacher Council

Skills

Smart Board, Pulse Pen/Live scribe, Smart response system, Microsoft office, Microsoft publisher, pod casting, moodle, elluminate, pen casting, integrating technology, graphing calculator, developing online coursework, virtual school course editor

Awards received

Nationally Recognized/recorded for Livescribe Company

Pinellas County Math Teacher of the Year 2009-2010

Fort Pierce Central Employee of the Month, November 2002