

Jan E. Gillespie-Walton

Jan E. Gillespie-Walton, educator, public school administrator, author, educational diversity trainer, and CEO of Gillespie-Walton LLC, has demonstrated outstanding instructional and administrative leadership for over 40 years. She is the retired Assistant Superintendent of the Camden City Public Schools where she provided oversight for the District's Curriculum delivery and Professional Development. She developed numerous programs and processes to address the most academically fragile students at both the elementary and secondary levels

Her successful years as the principal of the Cooper B. Hatch Middle School in Camden were instrumental in her invitation to become a Regional Superintendent in the School District of Philadelphia. During her seven years in this position, "Jan" established the first Year Round Education School in the District, provided diversity training for all professionals serving students who spoke 35 languages and dialects, while placing an emphasis on understanding each child's cultural **and** academic needs. Because of the region's excellent work, President Clinton named the Region's Program one of the nation's Ten Promising Practices. He took Gillespie-Walton and eight of her staff and students with him to Akron Ohio's Town Meeting addressing One America.

Throughout her professional career in public education, Jan has been committed to struggling urban school districts. She states: *"My focus has been, and continues to be, in support of those students and parents who have been traditionally underserved in the public education arena. When all is said and done, we must realize that how we educate those in our charge will profoundly impact our future. Ultimately, the child we raise will lead the village."*

Jan Gillespie-Walton, a graduate of Cheyney, Temple, and Arcadia Universities, belongs to numerous professional organizations, among which are Phi Delta Kappa, State Senate Education Advisory Committee, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Harriet Tubman Education Society, National Association of Black School Educators, National Association of University Women, and The Links, Inc., to mention a few. She is also a member of Salem Baptist Church of Roslyn, PA.

Jan is the CEO of Gillespie-Walton, LLC, an educational consultancy. The primary focus of this agency is to mentor and support novice teachers and administrators through on-site support, as well as induction and equity seminars.

Jan Gillespie-Walton, a native of Philadelphia, is married to Pierre Walton. She is also the mother of one married son, Edward (wife Elaine), and granddaughter, Piper.