

Livonia, Michigan – Michigan PTA President, Ms. Sibyl Collins Wilson, 52, passed suddenly Wednesday evening surrounded by friends, church family, her beloved sons, Samuel, Michael, Paul, and her mother, Mrs. Vivian Collins. Ms. Wilson is preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Herbert Wilson Jr., a Pastor and Evangelist.

“To say our Michigan PTA family is in shock from this loss is an understatement,” said Immediate Past-President Ruthann Jaquette. “My last lunch conversation with Sibyl ended with us both asking, “What more can we do to advocate for ‘Every Child With One Voice?’”

Ms. Wilson held degrees in English Language and Literature and Film and Media Studies from The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and Wayne State University respectively. She realized her dream of being a writer when she became a published author in 2016 with her work, *If I Didn't Live It, I Wouldn't Believe It!: Life Anecdotes*. This publication was informed by her faith, as was her entire life, and she was an active member of her church community attending Shalom Fellowship International where she served as a Scribe, a Reader, and an Announcer.

Ms. Wilson’s mother was a past PTA President, giving her agency and a voice as a tween on how to advocate for herself and, according to Ms. Wilson, “that made it very easy for me to advocate and speak for others.” She began her path in child advocacy at the local level as President for both the PTA and the Bradford Academy Board of Directors. She served as a Michigan PTA Field Service Representative, sat on the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee and was VP of Membership before being appointed Michigan PTA President in July 2017.

“We are all saddened by the sudden passing of our friend and President. Sibyl was an inspiration to so many of us. Her leadership and passion for PTA was infectious,” said President-Elect Kathy Carter. “We cannot recall an encounter with Sibyl that didn't leave us feeling loved and appreciated as she never forgot to acknowledge and say thanks for the work being done on behalf of Michigan PTA for children throughout Michigan.”

“Every Child. One Voice.” wasn’t just a mantra for Ms. Wilson. Her legacy as Michigan’s PTA President will be the work she began two years ago in actively recruiting parents, caregivers, teachers and staff for the return of 80 + PTA units within the newly formed Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD). Those two years of dedication and mentorship in DPSCD culminated in their first Founders’ Day celebration just last month, celebrating all the PTA volunteers that are making a difference every day in the lives of DPSCD students through PTA service.

Michigan PTA will continue to connect, commit, and champion for ALL children throughout our state in remembrance of our President, Ms. Sibyl Collins Wilson. Funeral service arrangements will be shared as they become available.