



**CATHERINE DRAYTON-BARBER,  
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Catherine began her career as a secondary special educator in the district over 27 years ago at Joseph C. Briscoe in BCPS. She has worked as a lead teacher in a MANSEF school and as a special education instructional team leader/IEP Chair in Howard County Public schools. Over a decade later, she returned to City Schools as an educational specialist for the Office of Special Education. Catherine went on to become a MTSS Specialist and Special Education Liaison within the Office of Specialized Instruction. A proud Baltimore City College Knight, Catherine went on to complete her undergraduate work at Howard University, her M.Ed. from Goucher College, and is currently a doctoral candidate at Notre Dame of Maryland University. Her favorite quote comes from Muhammed Ali, “If your dreams don’t scare you, they aren’t big enough.”