

# Alvin B. Stephens II



## Professional Experience

2008-Present Toledo Public Schools Toledo, Ohio  
**Director of Health and Physical Education, Alternative Schools, Contracts and Certification, and Toledo School Diversity Program**

Recruit, supervise, evaluate, and provide professional development to over 150 health, physical education teachers and alternative school teachers. Develop professional development district-wide on alternative education and classroom management.  
Oversee budgeting in all related fields of supervision

Review and approve all contracts from all departments and directors of Toledo Schools

Create the first supplier diversity program in Toledo Public Schools

1998- Present Bowling Green State University Bowling Green, Ohio  
Part-time teacher “Human Movement in the Middle School Child”

1998-2008 Toledo Public Schools Toledo, Ohio  
**Director of Health and Physical Education, Alternative Schools, Foreign Language, English as a Second Language, and Supervisor of Auxiliary Service Personnel**

Recruit, supervise, evaluate, provide profession development to over 200 health and physical education teachers, 100 Foreign Language Teachers, 15 ESL Teachers, 18 Alternative School Teachers, and 40 Auxiliary Teachers in the Toledo Public Schools

Oversee budgeting in all related fields of supervision

1996-1998 Toledo Public Schools Toledo, Ohio  
**Director of Health, Physical Education and Drivers Education**

Recruit, supervise, evaluate, and provide professional development to over 200 health and physical education teachers. Oversee the after school driver education program

Oversee budgeting in all related fields of supervision

1977-1996 Toledo Public Schools Toledo, Ohio

**Physical Education Teacher**

Providing students with knowledge and skills that will allow them to be comfortable, confident and competent in movement, and who value, participate and understand the importance of physical activity and its contribution to a healthy lifestyle in regular and adaptive physical education

Head Football Coach (1993 Northwest and City League Coach of the Year)

Head Wrestling Coach (12 League Championships)

Assistant Track Coach

1976-1977 Deer Park City Schools Cincinnati, Ohio

**Physical Education Teacher**

Providing students with knowledge and skills that will allow them to be comfortable, confident and competent in movement, and who value, participate and understand the importance of physical activity and its contribution to a healthy lifestyle in physical education

Assistant Football Coach

Head Wrestling Coach

Head Tennis Coach

**Education**

1992 University of Toledo Toledo, Ohio

Specialist in Education

Educational Administration and Supervision

1981 Bowling Green State University Bowling Green Ohio

Master of Science

Physical Education

1976 Bowling Green State University Bowling Green Ohio

Bachelor of Science

Physical Education

**Professional Organizations**

Phi Delta Kappa

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance

Ohio Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance

**Volunteerism**

National Association for Sport and Physical Education Steering Committee

Chair, NASPE Committee for School Leadership in Physical Education

President, Ohio Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (2007-09)

MW District AAHPERD Board of Directors and various committee/council positions

Boy Scouts of America

American Cancer Society

American Heart Association

Church Youth Group Director  
Lucas County Coordinated Health Education Committee  
Ohio Action for Healthy Kids Committee  
The Toledo Mayor's "Get Fit Toledo" Committee  
Lucas County Youth Task Force  
YMCA Board

### **MW VISION STATEMENT**

**By Al Stephens Candidate for President-Elect (2010)**

I am both honored and humbled to have the opportunity to run for the office of President-Elect of the Midwest District of the Alliance. This district has had a proud and honorable history and continues to be served by outstanding professionals. In the years in which I have been involved with Midwest, I continue to be impressed with the determination, drive, professionalism and enthusiasm of all involved. I am also impressed by the continuing commitment we have made to our young professionals. If given the opportunity to serve, I hope that I will be able to live up to the high standards of those that came before me.

As I am sure you all are aware, the Alliance is going through many changes, the financial reconstruction, the possibility of Health leaving the Alliance, the possible reorganization of some of our existing councils, just to name a few. When we face changes it can sometimes be frightening, but it is important that as we go through these trying times, the lines of communications are always open and everyone is given the opportunity to be heard and to express their opinion as to how our district should approach these and future issues. With the many forms of electronic communications that are available today (e-mail, skype, facebook, twitter) this can be accomplished at no cost to the district. One of my visions is to move our form of communication in and around our district into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. These forms of communication can reach across the many miles and into the homes of every member of our association. With technology today we have the ability to truly involve all of our members in the discussion.

A vision I feel strongly about is the involvement of our future professionals. As we mature, the future of the Midwest District is in the hands of our youth. As I watch the students at the Leadership Conference what I see is excitement and enthusiasm about the profession, but we can't be satisfied with reaching out to our students once a year. There are only a limited amount of students that can come to Pokagon, what about all those 1000's of students on campus across our six states that cannot come. In this day and age we can not sit back and hope they come to us and see the importance of being a part of a professional organization. We have to aggressively reach out to them. First, we need to reach out through greater facility encouragement as nothing beats a personal touch. Next, we need to reach out through technology. Students today communicate in a different way, and we need to talk their language. Students today, text message, tweet, and use face book as a part of their everyday lives. Their phones, PDA's, Blackberry's, and Palms are a consistent source of worldwide communication. We need to tap into this at the cost of only time and effort on our part.

Next, it is important that we continue to strengthen our bridge between the American Alliance and the state AHPERD's. We must first listen to what our states need in the way of professional development and/or support and use our resources to support their individual efforts. Too often the impression is we are telling them what we will provide instead of understanding what they need. When a team is rowing, the boat moves a great deal better if the team is all rowing together and in the same direction. We need to be that team. When all is said and done, we all want the same thing, a healthy, active America. So let's make sure all are rowing in the same direction.

Midwest District must continue to be a driving force when it comes to advocacy. There are many battles to be fought at both the state and national level. There are still too many districts that are trying to balance their budget at the cost of their students' health. Districts are using substitution, waivers, exemption from physical education as a way to cut staff and save a few bucks. As we all know this is short sighted as the impact on America will be felt in the years to come. We need to provide leadership through workshops and support legislative efforts that will provide quality programming in Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Dance and Sports Science.

A district is only as strong as the members that support it. We must continue to push not only for growth, but for volunteers that have ambition, drive, determination and a willingness to work as part of a team. We must continue to support our future professionals and advocate for our beliefs. Midwest continues to be a leader in the Alliance and it is up to all of us to do our part. It would be an honor to serve as we tackle the challenges before us.