



PAULA R. SHANNON - DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT

Education:

- University of Notre Dame (BA, 1997)
- Lesley University (M.Ed., 2003)
- University of Rhode Island (MA, 2006)

Paula R. Shannon joined the TPS team in 2015 as Chief of Staff and was named Deputy Superintendent in 2016. Paula serves as key support to the Superintendent in directing and leading the district's overall strategic direction to reach its ambitious objectives and goals. She is the staff lead on implementing [Destination Excellence](#) and positioning TPS to be the nation's leading 21st century school district.

Paula's career in public education spans 18 years and she started in the classroom as a bilingual Spanish fifth grade teacher through Teach for America. Paula spent a decade at Providence Public Schools as a teacher, literacy coach, executive director of curriculum, and chief academic officer. She served as Vice President of Teaching and Learning at Achievement First, a network of K-12 public charter schools serving communities in Brooklyn, Bridgeport, New Haven, Hartford and Providence. Prior to moving to Tulsa, Paula held the role of Chief Academic Officer at the Syracuse City School District in New York.

Paula is a native Texan and loves cowboy boots, college football and time outdoors with her husband, Bill.