

I highly recommend Dr. Sandra K. Breece.

There is no better way to accomplish a lofty goal than to get help from someone who has done what you hope to do. If your vision is to start a school, I can think of no better person to learn from than Dr. Sandra K. Breece.

Dissatisfied with the educational options available to her son, Dr. Breece felt there must be a better way to educate children than the cookie-cutter model of the public schools. As a professional educator in the public school system, she was acutely aware of the limitations imposed by unmanageable class sizes and the standardized education model.

She knew there must be a better way. All teachers agree that one of the best things you can do to improve education is to have smaller class sizes. In her teaching experience, she realized children learn differently and have individualized learning goals. Over 30 years ago, she set out to discover that better way, and it came to fruition with Telesis Preparatory Academy. It's a school she founded and is currently its superintendent.

I was assigned to write a story about Telesis for our local paper over ten years ago. Walking about the campus, the children greeted me. That was a new one. The principal, Dr. Breece, took the time to meet with me even though the story was about some violin players in the school. After meeting with her, I was inspired by how she searched for new ways to teach and incentivize teachers. Through the years my respect has only grown.

As evidence of how highly I think of Dr. Breece as a person and educator, I offer the following facts: I've written several articles about the school, spoken at a commencement and am honored to be one of the school's board members. I've often said that if I had children or grandchildren in my home, I would send them to Telesis.

From the lessons she's learned, Dr. Breece is uniquely qualified to give advice and support to anyone who wants to start any kind of school. She is understanding, compassionate, positive and kind. She's not a know-it-all but relishes collaboration. She would leverage her community of professionals to assist you if she worked with you.

Instead of trial and error, accelerate your process by learning from the mistakes and successes of someone who has been there and done that. And that person is Dr. Sandra K. Breece.

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