



Dr. Linda L. Itoka is currently an English as a New Language Teacher at the Metropolitan School District Lawrence Township in Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.A. She has served as a teacher and school administrator during her 30-year tenure in education. She holds a B.A. in Communicative Disorders from San Francisco State University, in California, an M.A. in Human Behavior from City University in Bellevue, Washington, an Ed.S. from Walden University in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership-Administration from Oakland City University, Indiana. “The Correlation Among Cultural Responsiveness, Conflict Resolution, and the Suspension Rates of African American and Latino Males”, was the topic of Dr. Itoka’s dissertation. The results of the study indicated that teachers, stakeholders, and students must increase their cultural competency and cultural responsiveness in order to be successful lifelong learners.

She served as a presenter on cultural responsiveness for the Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS), Office of Multicultural Education Infusion Conferences for more than five years. Dr. Itoka presented at the National Council on Educating Black Children’s Annual Conference in Indianapolis. At Thomas D. Gregg Elementary School, in IPS, she conducted several workshops for teachers relating to culturally responsive teaching and creating culturally responsive classrooms.

Dr. Itoka served as an executive board member with the Peace Learning Center of Indianapolis. She also served on the Board of Directors for the Children’s Policy and Law Initiative (CPLI) Indianapolis. CPLI advocates for systemic changes for children so that programs, policies and practices are developmentally appropriate, equitably administered and fair, and provide the necessary support for a child’s successful transition to adulthood. Commissioned as a national and international Ambassador for Peace, Dr. Itoka participated in a Middle East Peace Initiative in Israel for the purpose of bringing together international leaders, government officials, and academicians to discuss strategies to embrace peace among religions and nations. She also represented the U.S. in South Korea where she joined representatives from the United Kingdom and France at an International Leadership Conference focused on the need for vision and leadership at a time of global crisis. She is married to Michael Kwame Itoka and together they have seven children, 11 grandchildren, and one great grandchild. They traveled to several countries in Africa to learn more about the cultures and collect art pieces for their contemporary African Art Gallery. They enjoy spending time with family and friends around the world.