



## **Tarence Wheeler**

**Board of Director**

Tarence Wheeler is a highly respected professional with over 20 years of experience in community relations and philanthropic activities, specializing in community and corporate partnerships and relationship building. He currently serves as the Director of Corporate & Community Affairs for the River Rouge School District. He is a former Mayoral Appointee, serving as the community relations liaison for Mayor Dave Bing and the City of Detroit.

Mr. Wheeler has extensive experience in community outreach, mentoring, and fostering partnerships to support educational achievement. He developed a sports philanthropy firm that specialized in the creation and management of non-profit organizations for athletes and entertainers and his greatest passion is in helping to enrich the lives of at-risk young people in communities throughout the city of Detroit. He created the All-Star Giveback organization to help alleviate non-academic barriers for children and families and is often seen speaking and motivating young people at Detroit-area schools.

Mr. Wheeler graduated from Southwestern High School. He received a basketball scholarship to Arizona State University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. He earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Detroit Mercy. He serves on various boards including: Vanguard Community Development Corporation, Detroit Public Television, and the Salvation Army Board.