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Virgie Jones was born in Vienna, Georgia and moved to the Bushwick area of Brooklyn in her early teens. She began her career in business immediately after high school, but after 15 years as a personal banker, her passion for learning and teaching, and her desire to spend more time with her children, led her to a career in education.

Ms. Jones began her second career at her alma mater, JHS 296, and retired more than 25 years later as an Assistant Principal at PS/IS 377, where she held that position for 10 years.

Ms. Jones completed all of her undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate work at night, and has always encouraged others to pursue their career and educational aspirations, regardless of age, race, gender or socio-economic status. Her passion for education has always shone through and exceeded the expectations of her students, classes and schools.

An avid volunteer as well, Ms. Jones has had a tremendous impact on those in her local and extended communities. She has led the youth ministry in her home church, Little Rock Baptist, for more than 20 years, and created the long-standing scholarship ministry that still exists and thrives today.

Ms. Jones' commitment to community is evident in her serving as Chairperson for Youth and Education of Brooklyn Community Board 4 for over five years, and on the Executive Board and Youth & Education Committee of ABENY (Association of Black Educators of NY). She is also an integral part of the Readiness Team for Life Audrey Johnson Learning Center.

Today, Ms. Jones still resides in Bushwick, where she is a strong and active educational advocate. She is the proud mother of two adult children, Deana and Greg Jr., and grandmother to Aiden, Chase and Aubrey.