

SOPHIE HAYWOOD

District 8

Biography

Sophie Haywood is running for election in District 8. She is the Associate Director for the Center of P-16 Research and Collaboration in the School of Education at Indiana University. She develops, manages, and implements plans and activities that align with the Center's mission, as well as manages day-to-day operations of the center.

In the past, Haywood worked as a teacher in both the Bloomfield and North Daviess school systems. After 24 years of teaching and school administration, she worked for Greene Education Services, where she helped to successfully receive over \$5.2 million in funding from federal, state, and private grants to implement new programs and learning opportunities for all schools and students across Greene County. She has also served on several church committees, the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, and was a member of Tri Kappa for five years. Over the past five years, she has worked with the Fill the Pool committee in Bloomfield to renovate and update the Bloomfield Community Pool which is scheduled to reopen this summer.

Haywood believes that the greatest strength of REMC is its membership. If elected, Haywood said "My first order of business is to learn the details of the world in electric cooperatives. There are often federal grants that open through USDA to improve the quality of life in rural communities. I believe that we have the potential to partner with other rural utility providers in our region and explore the possibilities. I see myself making contributions to encourage this diversification of services."

Haywood completed her elementary education degree from Purdue University in 1980 and her Masters from Indiana State University in 1984. She then went back to school at ISU to get her administrative certification, which she completed in 1999.