

Charlene Lui, M.Ed., is the current director of Educational Equity in Granite School District in Salt Lake City, Utah. As the director for 15 years, she implements English Language Development for 22,000 ELLs and oversees other equity programs. She manages multiple budgets, which total approximately three million dollars. She began her career as a high school teacher and was an assistant principal at Eisenhower Junior High School, assistant principal at Copper Hills Elementary and principal at Monroe Elementary.

Charlene has served as an officer and member of Kauwahi Anaina Hawaiian Civic Club and Hui Hawaii O Utah. She has also held multiple positions on the MCAHCC board and was the president of the council for two terms from 2013-2016. Charlene also served as president of Utah NAME (National Association of Multicultural Education) and is a member of the board. She served as NAME Region 8 Director, Awards committee chair and has been Treasurer since 2014.

In 2005 Charlene was awarded the Exemplary Educator for Diversity Award. In addition, Charlene was awarded the Cesar Chavez Peace & Justice Award in 2011. In 2013 she was one of five recipients of the Human Rights Award bestowed by the Utah School Counselor Association. Then, in 2014 she was awarded the Martin Luther King Drum Major Award from the Martin Luther King Commission and the Martin Luther King Humanitarian Activist Award from Salt Lake Community College. She is an advocate for social justice, equity and the advancement of multicultural education.

Charlene says that her greatest accomplishment is her family. She and her husband, the late Sione Kaisa Lui, are the proud parents of six children and nine grandchildren.