

## Crystina Cardozo

## **Financial Literacy Consultant**

As a long time educator and current math specialist I have had the privilege of working with students as young as kindergarten to college age students. As a coach I have also had the opportunity to work with and provide professional development to other educators.

Throughout my journey as a teacher and current role as a math coach I have unveiled the lack of financial literacy in the school system. Through self education I was able to empower myself with financial literacy knowledge - such as studying the market, learning the advantages of different types of retirement/taxable accounts, buying wealth building assets, and overall learning how to make effective decisions that has increased my net worth. In doing so I was able to change the trajectory of my family's future and I am inspired to help many others as well.

From my life learning experiences combined with my skills as an educator who writes and revises curriculum, presents to and educates staff, students, and families, I now help other educators who teach the financial literacy classes so their students can confidently graduate high school as a financial literate adult.

Additionally, I have created a Parent & Me course where parents and kids openly discuss and learn about the once taboo topic of money. My goal is to have money talk be an open topic in the household and to let it be the bridge that closes the wealth gap.

Lastly, with a degree in mathematics and a masters in math education I am making it a priority to end the stigma that complicated math is needed in order to be financially literate. I am confident that I will be able to contribute life building skills that will make a meaningful impact on peoples lives now and for generations to come.

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