

NEA RA candidates

Laurie Delaney, Lister Elementary

I have been honored to represent you at WEA RA and NEA RA. I would like to continue to represent you and help support the best working conditions for all.

Meredith Kaupp, McCarver, Larchmont, Pt. Defiance

I have a wide variety of experiences working with general education, special education, and (most recently) library programs. These experiences help me see the needs of our staff and students throughout the district. I enjoy working on finding solutions to problems, as well as supporting my colleagues in their work.

Shannon Ergun, Mt. Tahoma High School



I support our members and the students we educate and promote strong unions protecting the rights of workers. I serve as your Treasurer, WEA-PAC Manager, and Bargainer. I am well-informed on issues including funding, class size, compensation, evaluation, and union busting. Thank you for your vote!

Dammian Tucker, McCarver Elementary School

I feel that I can bring new perspectives on how teachers should be appreciated and represented not only at local level, but also at the state and national level.

Nicole Sterling, Arlington Elementary School

As a recent member of your bargaining team, I have come to realize how important the decisions made through our Association are for our working conditions and our students' well-being. With this, I ask for your vote so I can continue to represent you as a delegate to RA.

Mary Rowe, Lister Elementary

Last year I represented all of us at the Spokane delegation & in Houston. I was ensured that our interests, views, and ideas were put forth & voted on. This included assessments, teaching materials, & ideologies that support our kids. I would appreciate your vote to attend the summer delegation in July 2020.

Roman Maunapau, Lyon and Lister Elementary Schools

I am very involved in TPS in different areas and feel I can give voice and represent ideas from many different roles/locations.

Michelle Pigott, McCarver



I would love to be a delegate because I am passionate about this work! I would use this opportunity to represent members and bring their voices to the bigger arena. I believe in the power of the collective voice to strengthen our profession. I am currently a Building Rep, and involved in my building's equity team. Thank you.

YaoEun Lieu, McCarver



I'm currently a Building Rep and am a member of the Equity Committee. I'm passionate about education and believe we need to advocate and support every student for their success. I'm actively working to become a more active member in our union and am interested in bringing more diverse ideas. Thank you for your consideration.

Mark Craypo, PDC/CAB



It has been my privilege to represent TEA at the Rep Assemblies in the past. I will do my best to listen to the issues and weigh all choices at hand, considering what is best for both WEA/NEA as a whole, and the members of TEA I would represent.

Ana Romero, Arlington Elementary

I'm proud to represent Tacoma teachers of every background and belief on issues which affect us personally and professionally. Please reach out if you need me and know that I believe profoundly in the importance of the work we do. Respect is earned and we've earned it! Thank you for your trust.

Coni Prewitt, Blix Elementary

I believe that with my years of experience and being nationally board certified I would be able to represent our union body well as well as bring information back to the members.

Jennifer Vandever, Lincoln HS

I know my sh...stuff.

I love Union work: I am a proud Union Thug!

And I will listen and vote what's best for teachers and students.

Lori Goodrich, McCarver

This is my 40th year with TPS! My 1st TEA mtg. was with my master teacher before I graduated. I have been blessed to represent my colleagues for nearly 35 years, taking time off when I had my daughter. I will be honored to have one last chance to do so! Thanks for your support!

Marilyn O'Malley-Hicks, Active Substitute



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Penny Cramer, Sherman Elementary

I served at WEA-RA last year and greatly enjoyed the process of listening to and participating in debate about the issues that our union faces. I would appreciate your vote and the opportunity to represent TEA again at the state and national levels. Thank you.

Kimberly Allen, Jason Lee Middle School

I have been your WEA ESP Act rep for the last year. I aim to continue the growth of all ESP's.

Jillian Gutierrez, Lyon Elementary



I am TEA Vice President and head up the Equity Team and Educators of Color Network. I would love to represent you at WEA and NEA. I am currently involved in writing New Business items around equity, educators of color, and fighting institutional racism. I would love to represent you!

Lisa Howard, Manitou Park Elementary



I have attended WEA RA and NEA RA for the last several years. I would like to continue going to further my knowledge in all aspects of the union, statewide and nationally. I feel it is a good way to continue to grow in Leadership and to support my fellow members.

Jessica Stella, Stewart MS

I would be a successful delegate because I have one year of prior experience and I have a diverse perspective that would represent the east-side community, matters of equity, and disability needs.

Ann McPartlon, Foss High School



Hello Team Tacoma. I have been a representative to the assembly in the past. I am excited to continue the work and conversation to empower educators to have a voice. I hope you will vote for Ann McPartlon. Thank you for your time and vote.

Karen Guilliot, Baker Middle School

This is a great opportunity to see and be a part of amazing work our union does on a greater scale. The decisions that are made at the RA's really make a difference. These are not just for certificated staff. We are all part of the union and decisions should be made by all of us.

Kelly Rampp, Baker

Last year was my first year as a delegate. I would like to continue to help our union be stronger, and to be a voice for all TEA members. I'm willing to put the work/hours in and I would also bring a special education perspective to the assemblies. Our union is only as strong as its members (that's you and me).

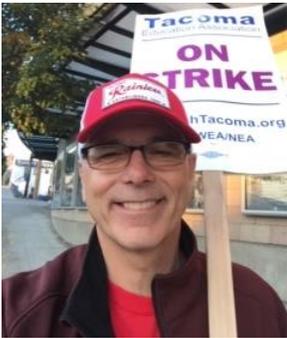
Prema Higgins, Lincoln High School

I am a school counselor passionate about serving the needs of both students and staff. I have experience in both K-12 and university settings. Skilled in leadership, advocacy, program development, staff development, research, event planning, community partnerships, and communications.

Joshua Cushman, Lincoln High School

I have dedicated my entire adult life to serving our city of Tacoma and our families. I have served in non-profit education, public education, taught 6-12 grades, coached athletics, been a building rep, and held various other leadership positions in Tacoma. I bring humility, perspective, empathy, and 16 years of working in education.

Brian Nighswonger, Stadium



I am an active Stadium building rep and have been for several years. I am a 37-year veteran staff member of Tacoma Schools. I have taught at all grade levels including general and special education classes. I am currently one of the Stadium High School counselors. I would appreciate your vote for WEA-RA and NEA-RA.

Seamus Horn, Stadium



I have been a teacher in Tacoma since 2005, as a Middle School Sped teacher and then a High School English teacher. I have been a State Rep twice and a National Rep once, and would like the opportunity to represent the teachers of Tacoma and Washington again this year.

Danielle Whalen, McCarver



I aspire to be more involved in union work, learn and advocate for professional fairness and equity for our work group. I look forward to connecting with other office professionals on a larger level and collaborating to increase our effectiveness and sustainability in our roles.

Robert McPartlon, Baker MS

The teaching environment in our district has changed a lot since I started in 1995. I would like to represent your voice and bring about positive improvements to our workplace. I take this opportunity seriously and look forward to what challenges it may bring.

Megan Clark, Birney

I have held many different positions in our district over the past 12 years and will represent many different perspectives if given this opportunity. I have served as a delegate at the state and national level in the past and would be honored to do so again.