

WEA RA candidates

Sonja Schoenecker, CAB - Finance



If elected, I plan to continue my work to represent our PT's and OP's at the State Level. My main goal is to ensure we are equally represented alongside our fabulous teachers. I appreciate your vote for me to take a seat to do this work for us.

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.

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.

Matt Burns, Wilson High School



I'm a long-time building rep for Wilson who knows the issues TEA members face. I defend our contract at building and district levels. I have been the Wilson Zone Rep on the TEA Exec Board, and a member of our lobbying team in Olympia. I always represent our members vociferously.

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.

Dave Baughman, Stadium High School

I have been elected as a building rep for many years, and have also represented Tacoma at the WEA-RA and NEA-RA in the past. I am hoping to continue to serve. Please vote for me for WEA-RA.

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



STRONG UNION LEADER! ADVOCATE FOR MEMBER BENEFITS INCLUDING COMPETITIVE WAGES AND PROFESSIONAL WORKING CONDITIONS! INTENTIONAL LISTENING TO ALL MEMBER CONCERNS! PROUD TEA ACTIVE MEMBER! WEA CHILDREN'S BOARD! NEA WOMEN'S CAUCUS CHR.! I ASK FOR YOUR VOTE! ATTEND MEETINGS! VOTE YOUR VOICE ON ISSUES! WEA AND NEA IN 2020! THANK YOU.

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.

Madeline Trotter, Whitman Elementary

I have been active in TEA/WEA since my early days as a substitute in the late 80s to now, approaching retirement. There have been many changes & challenges in that time. I feel that I am someone who listens fairly to all sides before making a decision. Please let me represent you again at the WEA Rep. Assembly in Spokane. 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.

Dawn Baughman, Jason Lee Middle School

I have attended RA in the past and would be honored to continue representing your voice. I am a building representative as well as the current TEA Secretary and stay up-to-date on current issues regarding education. Thank you for considering.

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!

Cal-Jean Lloyd Wagner, Stewart



I love being a teacher and supporting students, families and staff! I have a passion for advocacy and would love to represent my colleagues to shape policies that support us ALL! :-)

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.

Karen Guillot, 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.

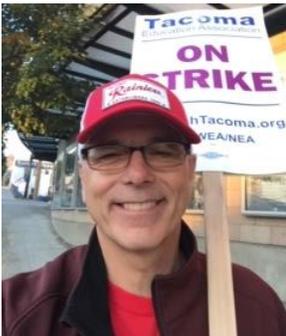
Joshua Cushman, Lincoln High School

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.

Erin Azama, Grant Center for the Expressive Arts

Heather L Hutchinson, Grant Center for the Expressive Arts

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.

Rhonda L Steinman, Crescent Heights / Northeast Tacoma Elem



I was a TEA Building Rep last year, but have moved to two new schools who already have building reps. I miss having that role and involvement. I went to the WEA RA last year, and I feel the work accomplished there is important to the continued value of our union.

Lauri Lindquist, Jennie Reed, Whitman

I am a proud union member, and a new building rep this year. I work hard to listen to, and really hear, diverse perspectives. I will bring the perspective of representing school psychologists. I am passionate about issues of equity and social justice, and would love to represent Tacoma at the WEA-RA.

Christiane Montequin, Meeker Middle School

I have enjoyed being my building's rep for several years. I love our union and firmly believe that together we are stronger. I am a special education autism/dd teacher and feel I am a strong advocate not only for my students but my colleagues as well. I would be honored to represent TEA this year at the WEA RA.

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.