

Tacoma Education Association Candidate for President 2020



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My name is Darrick Hartman and I am running for TEA President. I am a native Tacoman, graduated from Mount Tahoma in 1981, and have been an educator in Tacoma for over 25 years.

What separates me from all the other candidates? In a word—experience. I have taught at both the elementary and middle school level. In the union I have held a number of positions from building rep up to and including the office of president. I am a forward, progressive thinker and believe that I can have a positive impact on educational outcomes that affect all of us.

During my last tenure as president we worked on and negotiated the opening of SAMI and Geiger Montessori. We also implemented contractual changes that allowed the school within a school model at Lincoln and how we operate summer school. We were also the recipients of the largest SIG administered by the state.

I believe strongly in unions and am proud of what our union accomplished during my term as president. Unlike many of my predecessors, I also went back to the classroom and worked in the system I helped create.

I would appreciate your vote for TEA President.