

elect Mark Craypo for TEA Vice President

I am running for TEA Vice President because I believe that the purpose of the Tacoma Education Association (TEA) is to support every member at Tacoma Public Schools. This is a critical time for the TEA in a continuously challenging and changing climate. I know I can be a strong and reliable support to the entire organization. I want to help others in the membership to be future leaders, to increase their professional development options, and to receive appreciation for their ideas and abilities. I want to make sure to place ethics, integrity, fairness, and the welfare of the membership first, and look for practical solutions to problems. I will maintain open dialogue with the membership by being accessible and visible. I am devoted to building strong relationships while respecting differences. Looking forward also requires knowing where we came from and I have been active for 20+ years with the association. I look to use that knowledge and history to bring us into the future as strong as we can be.

As your Vice President, I will stand in unity beside our president, offering support and stepping in when they are not able to be here or asks for some extra help. I'll actively participate in the executive board and other projects that *we*, the Association choose to do. I will always be here to listen to your concerns or to help you; my door will always be open.

We are in amazing times and we need to be prepared for the new 'normal' and be ready with ideas and options to address the change in working conditions, benefits and our working environment.

Spring has sprung, and I'm sure both you and your students are looking forward to the warm, sunny days of summer. I know I'm ready for the 3 R's: time to Relax, Read, and Reflect on the past year. It's hard to believe that it's been 43 school days of quarantine. There are 37 days (25 "school" days) left so far this crazy school year. This time of year is normally challenging, but now it's unbelievably challenging, it's also a time for celebrating all of the learning that has occurred this year. This is Tacoma, and the best teachers in the state will eek out every bit of instructional time left in the year educating our students. We know the struggles, but we overcome them for the sake of our students. Thank you for all you do for Tacoma children. They are truly fortunate to have you as their educators.

Take care and thank you for your support.

Vote Mark Craypo for Vice President, because TEA matters!



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