RAINIER UNISERV COUNCIL

Sandy Hunt, Highline E A

I am a Highline Education Association (HEA) member and a current WEA board director. There, I am a vocal proponent for bringing more member voice into decision-making within WEA. I have participated at recent NEA and WEA Representative Assemblies where educators have begun taking ownership for institutional racism within schools. I take this work seriously and have brought it back to my local and my dual language school.

At my school, we are actively partnering with immigrant families in the Firs Mobile Home Park who are under threat of displacement and homelessness. This has drawn our community closer and brought together elected officials, service providers, and political activists. We organized a housing forum, lobbied in Olympia, testified at public hearings, generated publicity and created allies for our cause. A big win was organizing the school district to support our families. This process has shown that through our unified actions, our efforts can make a difference.

Within my local, I have served members as a building representative, on the bargaining team, and on the Executive Board—as Secretary and, now, as Vice-President. I also co-chair HEA's Bargaining Support Team and am proud of the contractual gains we have made.

Prior to K-12, I taught nine years as an adjunct professor/graduate instructor in the UW's Speech Communication Department. Before that, I worked as a social worker and spent three years working in a refugee camp in Thailand. I would be honored to continue to represent you and work on your behalf!



Becca Ritchie, Renton E A

Locally, Becca currently serves on REA's bargaining team and has held the position of middle school exec board member. For the past four years, she has served as Rainier UniServ Council's VP and is a core team member for the Rainier UniServ Council Network. She is one of your current WEA Board directors and has been assigned to the WEA Legislative Strategies Committee and the WEA Academy. At each level of union participation, she brings the voice of educators to the table and advocates for a stronger union for all members. Whether at the WEA Board meetings, WEA RA or

NEA RA, she has actively moved business at the state and national level that represents issues facing our members. She holds core union values that were passed to her by her mother who was also a WEA member; solidarity, lifting ALL up, working condition that supports students learning and race and social justice for our members and students.

Whether you are a support professional, a professor, a teacher, or a technical professional, she brings your perspective to the WEA Board. She humbly asks for your support in this work by casting your vote for Becca Ritchie.