

# WEA OLYMPIC

## **Buddy Bear, Port Angeles E A**

I have served WEA in several capacities, this includes the WEA Board. Currently, I am the HCR Co-Chair, Native American Caucus Chair, Culturally Responsive Strategies trainer as well as a Social Justice and Cultural Competence trainer with the NEA. I am on the Exec Board with the WEA-Olympic Council.

I believe in what the WEA does for our members, for our state, for our students, their families and communities. I believe my greatest contribution has been leading the WEA-HCR Committee to meet the charges set before it. We were able to reach out to locals and help them with their roles in encouraging their members to step up to be more actively involved.

## **Silas Berry, Central Kitsap E A**

I am an elementary school teacher and active member of the Central Kitsap Education Association and Olympic uniserve council. I would like to continue to represent you as Board Director to WEA. During the last 2 years as a board director, I have successfully represented you on the McCleary work team, executive, budget and finance, legislative, health and safety and diversity committees. I have worked hard for our collective bargaining rights, equity, better pay, a safe and healthy classroom for our members and students and other critical issues. It has been a hard job at times, but I believe that success comes from struggles and hard work. We need meaningful and positive changes in public education. I am dedicated to working for them. I am a strong advocate for all members and am not afraid to show up and speak up for our rights. My voice is your voice and if elected I will continue to ensure you are represented and have a voice at the table. Thank you for your vote and support.



## **Chris Fraser, North Kitsap E A**

Chris Fraser (8th Grade Math Teacher & Union Activist)

I joined the WEA Board in 2012 as the WEA Olympic Council President and I have been honored to be a strong voice on the Board since that time. I have served on the Benefits Services Advisory Board, Budget & Finance Committee, Sustainability Task Force, WEA Building Committee, and the Change, Innovation & Achievement (CIA) Committee.

As a WEA Board Director, I work hard to be prepared for meetings and I am always willing to ask tough questions to help ensure that the full Board has the information we need before making decisions. I deeply value the diversity of our organization and I make a genuine effort to keep the needs of all of our members front-and-center when considering issues and actions.

I am thrilled to be back in the classroom after six years as the North Kitsap Education Association President—it is great to be working with students and colleagues again! I appreciate the opportunity to bring the perspective of someone working in the trenches to the WEA Board.

I promise that I will continue to work diligently with you and for you as an advocate. Together we are strong and when we act collectively we make a real difference that extends beyond our classrooms, offices, bus barns, kitchens, maintenance shops, and schools. As we face the reality of the loss of fair-share across our country, I am committed to being ALL IN for our members and our union!



### **Eric Pickens, Port Angeles E A**

Eric Pickens is currently a first grade teacher in Port Angeles. Eric has been an active member within Port Angeles Education Association. He has been an officer with his local union for 2 years where he is currently serving as Vice President and he has been on the PAEA bargaining team for the last two years. Eric is also quite active at WEA Olympic Uniserv. This is his second year on the Executive Board, and he regularly volunteers for additional needs to support the council. He is also on the lobbying team for WEA Olympic. Eric is a well-respected leader within his school, district, local, and council. As a Coast Guard Veteran, a father of two daughters, and a second- generation union leader, Eric knows about hard work, dedication, and unwavering passion.