

WEA SOUTHEAST



Margarita Morfin, Pasco Association of Educators

My name is Margarita Morfin. I have been an union representative for several years in Pasco WA. I currently serve in the Executive Board for Elementary at Large in Pasco. I stand for equality for all. I have been involved in my the schools that I worked in the parents programs (PTA's and ATP's). I am a person who is not afraid to speak up about your concerns and issues. As a Strike Captain, I had the opportunity to work with the community, parents, and media. I am excited to learn more about education process, laws and legislative sessions. I will do my best to represent teachers and students across

Washington State.

I am a Student & Teacher Advocate. I hold a Master's Degree in Education & I'm National Board Certified. I have been teaching for 20 years in Bilingual Education.

Thank you for your support.



Amanda Ramirez, Pasco Association of Educators

To the members of WEA—

My name is Amanda Ramirez and I would be honored to serve as your WEA Board Director.

As a member of the Pasco Association of Educators, I first became involved in Union leadership as a picket captain in 2015, and have continued my involvement as an advocate for educators and students since then.

Through my roles as the At-Large representative on the WEA-Southeast Executive Board; a trainer for Culturally Responsive Classrooms through WEA's Human and Civil Rights committee; a former member of my local negotiating team; and as a building representative and leader at Chiawana High School, it is, and has been my mission to be a voice and advocate for members as we move toward strengthening our classrooms and schools.

Whether at the local, state, or national level, it is my belief that successful leadership requires transparency, integrity, commitment and strength. If elected, it is my mission to bring each of these qualities to the position of Uniserv Council Director to the WEA Board.



LaDonna Sterling, Richland E A

Serving as a representative to the WEA Board has been an honor and an opportunity to improve the lives of our students and our members. I believe in promoting public education through collective action as a union. We have a responsibility to support the hard work of public school educators, serve with honesty and integrity, communicate the actions of the WEA Board in our region, and be the trusted fiduciaries of the Association. I would like to continue serving as a representative of the WEA-Southeast Council.



Keith Swanson, Walla Walla Valley, E A

My first two years serving as a WEA Board member and as president of the Walla Walla Valley EA have been extremely rewarding and humbling. I would be honored to represent the views of Washington's educators at the NEA Rep Assembly this summer.

I also serve as the WEA-SE Council's vice president and sit on the WEA Legislative Strategy Committee. I hope to bring what I have learned in these roles to the NEA-RA and to attain more knowledge at what would be my first national NEA event.

Whether we are fighting at the national level for the rights of public sector unions or negotiating locally for fair contracts, communication and solidarity are each key to our success. If selected to represent Washington in the next two NEA Rep Assemblies, I intend to bring our ideas and priorities to colleagues from around the nation, and then to bring home and share what I learn from them.

As "Janus vs. AFSCME" looms on the horizon, many states have already learned how to cope with the loss of "Fair Share" and have found ways to thrive. They have also found new and creative ways to wield power that could be useful to us.

As for Washington, we have an incredibly strong organization in the WEA, and I look forward to working with fellow educators to build upon that strength.

Thank you for your consideration!



Julie Wickersham, Clarkston Classified Association

I am Julie Wickersham and it has been an honor to serve on the WEA Board of Directors. I am currently serving my second year. I am proud of the work we have accomplished and would like to continue that work as WEA Board Director a second term.

As a past president of my local and living in a rural area, that experience allows me to understand the need to advocate for members and students. I am dedicated and relentless when it's time to support our members voices and advocate for Public Education. I am proud of our union and believe we will

continue to be WEA STRONG!

Thank you for your consideration.