

## Rainier UniServ Council Director Nominees



### **Joseph Bento, RENTON E A**

Joseph (Joe) Bento is a Health teacher from Kent, WA. He has been teaching for 18 years in the Renton School District. He has been involved in safe schools trainings for the last 15 years including his work as an NEA (National Education Association) and GLSEN trainer on Social Justice and LGBTQ issues for the last 15 years. As a leader Joe cares about Social Justice and LGBTQ issues.

Joe was on the OSPI Health and PE Standards Revision Committee and is a member of the Health/PE Cadre. He is a leader in his content area and is Nationally Board Certified.

Joe would be a great WEA Board Member. He is organized in his personal and professional life; knows and understands Constitutions, Bylaws, and Policy statements; understands how the budget affects and organization; and can bring up things that need to be addressed and changed.

He likes to travel, work in his yard, and hang out with his 2-year-old niece.

Please elect Joe to the WEA Board as a member from Rainier UniServ Council.



### **Zanolvia Clark, HIGHLINE E A**

My name is Zanolvia Clark and I am a fifth year educator of color. Each year of teaching, I have grown as a union leader, at both the local and state level. Every year my local has selected me to serve as a WEA RA representative. I have supported my building staff by serving as a building representative for the last three years. I was also recently appointed to the NEA Women's Issues Committee. I am running for a WEA board director position because I wish to continue serving our members in impactful ways. By electing me to serve as a WEA board director, you are choosing to invest in dedication, passion, and creativity; an investment in our union's future. It is imperative and necessary for WEA's board directors to be an equitable representation of the members they are representing. As an educator of color, I provide lived experience for other educators of color and members of the LGBTQ+ community. Serving as a WEA board director will allow me to uplift the marginalized voices within the WEA. As a board director, I promise to continue to take up and make space for other members of color and the LGBTQ+ community.



### **Julianna Dauble, RENTON E A**

Julianna has dedicated 20 years of her life to activism and organizing around issues that matter. She fights for lower class sizes, replacing toxic testing with educator created curriculum & assessment, a living wage for all, anti-racist school systems, progressive tax reform, restorative justice, trauma-informed practices, climate change, gun safety & public banking.

Her work includes: bottom-lining public protests, organizing speaker panels, leading countless sessions at union & education conferences, being a featured speaker at debates, and speaking truth to power at school board meetings- because democracy is NOT a spectator sport!

#### **Relevant Experience:**

- Classroom teacher since 2001 + mom of two high-schoolers in Renton
- Intensely works @ WEA and NEA RA's; since 2008 has passed 15+ New Business Items & 8+ Resolutions
- Floor strategist for Badass Teachers Caucus; helped dozens of progressive business items pass
- NEA Resolutions Committee
- NEA Business Consolidation Team (worked backstage at NEA 2 years in a row to strengthen business items for other delegates)
- Political Action Committee Manager for Rainier Uniserv Council for many years: led candidate recommendation processes, lobbied legislators and other elected leaders, supported campaigns of education champions
- Served on District Leadership teams for collaboration time built into the school day & reasonable TPEP systems
- Leads statewide political action training for WEA, training educators on how to lobby & more
- Rainier Uniserv Council Board member
- RECN Core Team Member

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### **Deborah Strayer, HIGHLINE E A**

Deborah Strayer WEA has made unprecedented gains in our compensation with the McCleary law suit. We still have work to be done to attract and retain quality school staff, do what is best for our students, deal with our insurance issues. As a long time activist for both my local, council and our state I have developed relationships with elected school officials and our elected officials at all levels, city, state and national. Building these relationships helps to let our voice be heard. please allows me to fight for what is right for our members, students and communities. Vote for Deborah Strayer.



**Deanna Youngren, RENTON E A**

Please vote Deanna Youngren, active member of the Renton EA and Rainier Uniserv Council (RUC), for WEA Board Director from RUC. As a veteran middle school special education teacher of 20+ years, I live the day-to-day grind of our reality as educators and the effects of chronic underfunding of education in Washington. As an anti-racist educator, I engage in difficult and uncomfortable conversations about education policies which exclude Students of Color from full participation in learning opportunities and Educators of Color from career opportunities. My daily experiences in an urban middle school informs my perspective on my work in our Association on local, state and national levels. I am a member of the LGBTQ+ community and advocate for neurodiverse folks like myself with visible and/or invisible disabilities. Inclusion Matters. Representation Matters. Survivors Matter. Though I've been involved on a local level with REA for the past 3 years, I'm eager to return to active involvement beyond my local. In 2018 and 2019, I served as a WEA State Delegate to NEA RA and in total, I have represented members from WEA and NEA-Alaska at 8 NEA RA's over the past two decades. During my time with the Anchorage EA, I served on the AEA Board and NEA-Alaska State Board and Chaired the NEA-AK Special Education Committee. I'm ready to get to work and represent you. Thank you for consideration for me, Deanna Youngren, for WEA Board Director. If you have questions, feel free to email me, [deanna.youngren.teacher@gmail.com](mailto:deanna.youngren.teacher@gmail.com)