

Sammamish UniServ Council Director to the Board Nominees



Mark Morrow, BELLEVUE E A

I am a dedicated and involved educator union activist.

I am a full-time Chemistry teacher at Bellevue HS, in the 35th year of my career. Starting in Brooklyn, as a very small part of the New York City Public Schools, I quickly learned the value of union guidance and support as I honed my professional skills.

As part of my commitment to give back and/or pay forward the union 'nourishment' I have received, I have served in many positions within the Bellevue Education Association. Specifically, I have been a building representative, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Vice-President, and the President. At present I am the BEA Treasurer.

I have also held various positions with the WEA-Sammamish UniServ Council. I have been a Council Board Director representing BEA and a past president of the Council, and I am the current Council Treasurer as well as a UniServ representative to the WEA Board of Directors.

At the state level, I have been an elected delegate to many WEA Representative Assemblies and have worked for several years as a Co-Chair of the WEA Documents and Resolutions Work Team. I have also been an elected delegate representing Washington state at many NEA Representative Assemblies.

This is how I have worked to support my union brothers and sisters, and I hope to continue my contributions.

Please elect me to represent you on the WEA Board of Directors!



Allison Snow, BELLEVUE E A

I believe deeply in the power of representative government. To be a true representative requires dedicated time for listening to and understanding the needs and perspectives of others. Through my leadership roles in the Bellevue Education Association, I've made it my mission to ensure that member voices are heard throughout our district and included in the decisions that impact them and their students. I am willing to ask the uncomfortable questions and speak the uncomfortable truths to drive action and make our schools and our profession the best that they can be. I would love this opportunity to represent you as a member of the WEA Board!



Amelia (Amy) Stern, BELLEVUE E A

Amy Stern has been a teacher for 15 years in the Bellevue School District. During this time she has worked across socio-economic levels, in schools serving upper class, middle class, and low-income families. Additionally, she has taught across grade levels, from 2nd through 8th grade students. Her union work has included being a building representative at multiple schools, serving on the Executive Board of BEA (as an elementary rep and as Secretary), attending both WEA-RAs and NEA-RAs, and is now a Sammamish UniServ council representative. Amy's strengths are in listening to constituents (whether students, educators, or parents), and having the ability to clearly and thoughtfully express concerns to the powers that be. She is proud of the change that she has helped to make at the building, district, and state levels for the benefit of all involved in the public education system. Of particular concern to Amy are the still-present and persistent white-supremacist systems which hold back students of color, and the heteronormative ideas that keep our LGBTQ students and educators from finding their safe place within public education. As a current math teacher and health educator in a Title 1 middle school, Amy works with her students and fellow educators and administrators to push their thinking and action toward creating a more inclusive society in the schoolhouse and beyond.



Rachel Tochiki, BELLEVUE E A

I'd appreciate your vote. I hope to represent Sammamish UniServ Council in the work to keep WEA strong and protect our rights as educators. I am a special education teacher and feel the stress of enduring underfunded programs and unrealistic workload. I am tired of useless state testing, like WA-Kids and WA-AIM, which takes our time and attention away from what is most important, our students. I have the courage to speak up and advocate for what our students, our schools, and our profession deserves. I hope to serve WEA as UniServ Council Director and will support in any way that I can.