

## Pilchuck UniServ Council Director to the Board Nominees



### **Jared Kink, EVERETT E A**

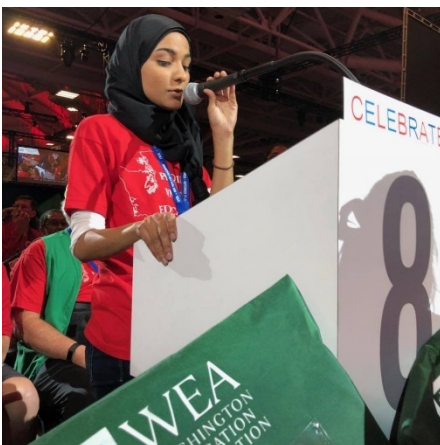
I am proud to have served the last 4 years on the WEA Board and would like to continue representing the best members in the state. I will continue to advocate for higher salaries, address student behavior issues, and work to make our union a more inclusive organization.



### **Michael Peña, MUKILTEO E A**

I am a secondary science educator. I serve on the Mukilteo EA's exec board, and WEA's Racial and Social Justice committee. I co-advise Mariner's Step Team and African Fusion Dance and co-chair WEA's Hispanic Caucus. I was recently elected as a peer coach on NEA's Leaders of Color Pathways program.

I am also an advocate for Ethnic Studies courses statewide, and push forward conversations around racial equity and social justice for students and educators. My goal is always to listen to our members and advocate for their needs. I hope to continue engaging our members to lift their voices and empower them as we continue to set an example for what is possible in a strong association.



### **Sobia Sheikh, MUKILTEO E A**

Hello- I'm Sobia Sheikh, and I'm running to be on the WEA Board of Directors.

I am currently a high school math teacher at Mariner High School in Everett. In my fifth year teaching, I am also an Executive Board member with the Mukilteo Education Association and a Pilchuck UniServ Council delegate. I sit on the Human and Civil Rights Committee and have been a part of WEA's Credentials committee. I am on the Professional Education Advisory Board with UW Bothell and I am a trainer with WEA's Culturally Responsive Training program. I am co-creator of the Teaching Equity (Everett) conference, and co-advisor for our school's Step

Team and African Fusion Dance team.

As a Board member, I hope to increase communication and transparency, and be more responsive and accountable to members. For me, WEA Board members are advocates for rank and file interests, especially those who have been under-represented in education and the union.

My experiences as an advocate within WEA to improve educator working conditions, and learning opportunities for all students- most especially our marginalized students- and as a voice for racial and social justice have me ready to advocate for strong union values and public education interests within WEA.

Thank you for doing everything you do every day to make a positive impact in the lives of our students, their families, and our communities.



#### **Pamela Wilson, MONROE E A**

I am Pamela Wilson, a proud member of our union! I am honored to serve as the Monroe EA Vice President and on my local bargaining team. I am also active in my council as a Pilchuck UniServ Executive Board member and as chair of the Pilchuck Diversity Network (PDN). The PDN works to create spaces for educators of color, started a mentors program for EOC, and has successfully created and run the Pilchuck Teaching Equity conference, now in its third year. I am also active in WEA as a Board member, Co-Chair of the WEA Human and Civil Rights committee, and as a Culturally Responsive Strategies Trainer. I am proud to be a leader who believes the strength of our union is in member involvement and rising up leaders. I believe in the power of our union that brings together educators with a collective voice to improve the quality of life of our members through bargaining, political action, organizing, and advocacy and as a strong advocate for our public education and the students we serve. I am proud to be part of the work of our union to move towards being an anti-racist organization that is helping to break down systems of oppression that our members, families, and students face every day. I am passionate about the work of our union and ask for your support and vote as [insert title here]. Working collectively, we are Union Strong!

