

## 2017 SEA NEA/WEA RA CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

**Vaughan Amare', (NEA), School Psychologist**

**NEA# 1**

Use my deep listening skills and passionate efforts on behalf of you, our students, families, and supporters; please send me to represent you at NEA.

**Sarah Arvey, (NEA), (WEA), Hamilton International Middle School, Special ed teacher**

**NEA# 56**

**WEA# 21**

I am dedicated to representing the voice of Seattle Public Schools students, teachers, and community in the movement for educational justice.

**Celina Austin, (NEA), (WEA), McGilvra, Special Education Assistant**

**NEA# 62**

**WEA# 32**

I am committed to advancing the work of the union both locally and statewide. I will stand for your rights and be your voice.

**Heather Barker, (WEA), Sanislo, Classroom teacher**

**WEA# 9**

No statement submitted.

**Judy Baum, (NEA), (WEA), John Rogers Elementary, Seattle, Special Ed. Assistant**

**NEA# 22**

**WEA# 40**

A life-long supporter of public schools, I pledge to continue advocating for full funding and equity, for our students' sake and for our profession.

**Janet Bowersox, (NEA), (WEA), substitute 6-12, Substitute 6-12 science-math**

**NEA# 54**

**WEA# 4**

11 years subbing since retiring. FOCUS - bring sub issues to WEA & NEA, - plan professional development specific to subs and newly hired subs

**Maggie Burgess, (NEA), (WEA), McGilvra, Special Education Teacher**

**NEA# 35**

**WEA# 8**

I want to use this opportunity to fight for public education, and advocate for my students.

**Phyllis Campano, (NEA), (WEA), SEA office, President of SEA**

**NEA# 50**

**WEA# 47**

Phyllis Campano, SPED Teacher - President of SEA. I would be honored to carry SEA's voice to the state level building a unified educator voice.

**Pornapa (June) Chan, (NEA), JSCEE, Accounting Specialist II**

**NEA# 40**

As a SAEOP Board member, WEA, REA Rep, I'd like to continue serving, be your voice to represent you and the under-represented members.

**Kurt Cohrs, (NEA), Washington Middle School, Teacher**

**NEA# 26**

I am honored and excited to represent Seattle educators at the NEA RA.

**Patti Crow, (NEA), (WEA), Madison Middle School, SPED IA**

**NEA# 55      WEA# 27**

The time has never been more urgent than now to fight for public education! I'd be honored to be your voice in Spokane and Boston.

**Reiko Dabney, (NEA), (WEA), Leschi, Access Sped IA**

**NEA# 7      WEA# 22**

In order to build a strong and more inclusive union, it's important to learn as much as you can as a representative.

**Benjamin Davis, (NEA), (WEA), MLK, Teacher/librarian/ Technology**

**NEA# 30      WEA# 54**

Serving our SEA and representing our union is important. I want to help and inspire our district and state. It's time to take action 2017.

**DaZanne Davis Porter, (NEA), (WEA), MLK, Kindergarten Teacher**

**NEA# 57      WEA# 61**

I am committed and ready to work for our members! It is extremely important that our voices be heard. I'll speak up and out!

**Christina DeCarufel, (NEA), (WEA), Substitute Dept, Cert Sub**

**NEA# 14      WEA# 42**

I want to work for expanding representation of substitutes across the state and connect with locals across the country successfully representing substitutes.

**Karen Deeter, (NEA), (WEA), Orca K-8, teacher**

**NEA# 33      WEA# 55**

Serving as building, district and state representative, I wrote legislation and fought for it until it became state law. I will work hard for you.

**Judy Deignan, (NEA), West Seattle High School, Special Education Teacher**

**NEA# 13**

I am concerned about socio-economic challenges of students, low wages,, understaffing in Sped classrooms, and lack of transparency.. I will advocate for all.

**Deborah DeRaadt, (NEA), School Elementary, SPED IA - Developmental Pre-K**

**NEA# 5**

I am interested in learning about ESP issues and professional development opportunities to eventually share in a possible classified staff handbook.

**L. Sue Doty, (NEA), Thornton Creek, Elementary Physical Education Specialist**

**NEA# 38**

As a career educator and social activist, I will advocate for our Union Rights and the interests of Public Education for All.

**Ann Dunbar, (NEA), (WEA), Arbor Heights, Gen Ed Teacher** **NEA# 31** **WEA# 50**

I am a Building Rep and SEA Board Member who would like to bring the needs and ideas of our educators to the Rep Assemblies.

**Mark Ellis, (NEA), (WEA), TOPS K-8, Certificated Teacher - Mathematics** **NEA# 17** **WEA# 20**

I want to represent you as a delegate at the WEA/RA and NEA/RA. I organized our building during the strike and want to continue participating.

**Karin Engstrom, (NEA), (WEA), Seattle School District Substitute, Paraeducator** **NEA# 20** **WEA# 30**

I've attended the WEA and NEA RA's and know I will represent para-educator and substitute issues well. Now more than ever, we must stand together!

**Jennifer Evans, (WEA), Thornton Creek, School Support, Hourly** **WEA# 45**

I believe this conference might help me as I continue advocating on behalf of SAEOPs in the months ahead for our next contract.

**Antoinette Felder, (NEA), (WEA), South shore K-8, Admin Asst** **NEA# 29** **WEA# 28**

Want to continually fighting for our Union rights, local, state and national. Our voices can be heard!

**Vallerie Fisher, (NEA), (WEA), Martin Luther King Jr., Family Support Worker** **NEA# 44** **WEA# 14**

I have been an active advocate, and voice for all educators on the local, state, and national level, it would be my honor again.

**Cathy Geier, (NEA), (WEA), Green Lake, Adams, Greenwood, Substitute Teacher** **NEA# 27** **WEA# 38**

5x delegate - WEA-RA. Reading/Math Specialist 15 yrs. Passionate, dedicated. Care for children's learning to develop highly successful, globally responsible, compassionate citizens for their future.

**Noam Gundle, (NEA), (WEA), Ballard, Teacher** **NEA# 49** **WEA# 12**

Experienced. Great listener. Organizer. VP of NEA Peace and Justice caucus: Board Member. Would be proud to represent you again.

**Danielle Guzman, (WEA), Leschi, K/1 Teacher** **WEA# 63**

Equity and Social Justice focused, I'm interested in pushing forth items that promote equity for our students.

**Jesse Hagopian, (WEA), Garfield, No Answer** **WEA# 62**

No Answer

**Jennifer Hall, (NEA), (WEA), West Seattle High School, Special Ed. Generalist** **NEA# 45** **WEA# 16**

Battles to preserve public education; to support students, parents, school staffs, are raging. I pledge to stand, fight, speak, write for YOU! Member SEE, BATS.

**Rick Harlan, (WEA), Leschi Elem, Instructional Assistant, Special Education** **WEA# 10**

Now more than ever: Network, Unite! About me: 16 years WEA activist experience. Pushing for equity for marginalized. Divest from fossil fuel ruin-ators, Education-haters.

**Peter Henry, (NEA), (WEA), Various, Substitute Teacher** **NEA# 41** **WEA# 31**

As President of the most effective Substitute labor organization in America, I want to continue representing substitute educators at the state and national levels.

**Ericka Heyerman, (NEA), (WEA), Dearborn Park International School, IA** **NEA# 12** **WEA# 5**

I'm interested in being a representative in the WEA and the NEA because I want to represent paraprofessionals and SEA at the Representative Assembly. Thanks!

**Len Hill, (NEA), (WEA), Hawthorne, 4th grade** **NEA# 21** **WEA# 7**

SEA Board member representing Elementary in SE region. 2015 Bargain team member, PAR committee, TPEP Cadre and proud organizer and advocate for students and members.

**Amanda Hubbard, (NEA), (WEA), Concord International Elementary, Teacher** **NEA# 11** **WEA# 58**

Dual Language, elementary, new to Seattle Schools. Passionate about keeping current events and social justice in our classrooms while staying connected with our communities.

**Lynne Hubbard, (NEA), (WEA), Laurelhurst Elementary, Elementary Office Assistant** **NEA# 6** **WEA# 17**

After serving these past 3 years as a state and national AR, I have learned how to effectively represent not only SAEOPs but all SEA!

**Evelyn Hunter, (NEA), Substitute/South Shore, Substitute** **NEA# 25**

I am dedicated to supporting SEA and all issues for the betterment of education. I have served as a NEA Representative attending all sessions and.

**Shelly Hurley, (NEA), (WEA), John Stanford Center, STAR Mentor** **NEA# 58** **WEA# 13**

I believe in organizing and advocating for educators and students. In these uncertain times it's vital we fight for the dignity and respect we deserve.

**Dorothy Jacobsen, (NEA), Thornton Creek, Sped IA**

**NEA# 4**

Protect Public Schools! Programs must be in place to support all-Black Lives Matter, POC, LGBT, and addressing the needs of students living with disabilities.

**Savanna Jamerson, (NEA), (WEA), Interagency Academy, Teacher**

**NEA# 60    WEA# 36**

As a high school social studies teacher, I have spent many years teaching students about labor struggles and the necessity of collective action. I want.

**Gwendolyn Jimerson, (NEA), (WEA), M.L. King, Jr. Elementary, Family Services Provider**

**NEA# 18    WEA# 18**

Continued involvement, representing SEA by any means necessary. I am an under represented voice that is ready to continue speaking out and be heard.

**Jannike Johnsen, (WEA), Denny IMS, Special Education Teacher**

**WEA# 56**

Public Education is under attack! I pledge to do all I can to protect our students, families, profession, and union at our state assembly!

**Daniel Jordan, (NEA), (WEA), Olympic View Elementary School, 5th grade teacher**

**NEA# 16    WEA# 46**

I have been a WEA and NEA delegate the last 3 years. I ask for your vote that I may represent you again this year.

**Susan Kingsbury, (WEA), Daniel Bagley, 3rd/4th Montessori Teacher**

**WEA# 39**

As the experts, teachers need to educate the public about the research invalidating failed reforms, so we can work to protect public education: SEE supporter.

**Jonathan Knapp, (NEA), (WEA), West Seattle High School, High School Auto Tech Teacher**

**NEA# 39    WEA# 34**

As your former president, I would be honored to serve as your delegate and continue to build a powerful force for collective action.

**Laura Lehni, (NEA), Washington Middle School, Middle School Teacher**

**NEA# 34**

I would love the opportunity to attend the NEA assembly. Educators need to take a strong stand against our national political "leadership."

**Tammi Mack, (NEA), ThornTon Creek, First Grade Teacher**

**NEA# 2**

First time delegate! Eager to make connections, build vibrant, inclusive community and advocate for social justice, students and YOU! Together, we can change the world!

**Matthew Maley, (NEA), (WEA), All, Substitute** **NEA# 42** **WEA# 23**

As a young substitute with an eye towards anti-racist and anti-sexist practice, I will advocate for institutionalizing all such best practices.

**Tenny Mallory-Canning, (WEA), Stevens Elementary, Teacher-Librarian** **WEA# 57**

I would like to help represent you in Spokane. Long-time, active SEA member. I believe in strength through unity.

**Carrie Marsh Alefaio, (WEA), Franklin, Counseling Secretary** **WEA# 60**

No statement submitted.

**Micheal Melonson, (NEA), (WEA), Paraprofessional President & Student & Family Advocate** **NEA# 9** **WEA# 24**

Your voice is important, it matters and counts! I'm asking for your vote to represent your voice as a SEA Delegate.

**Jeffrey Morgen, (NEA), (WEA), Ingraham High School, Certified Social Studies** **NEA# 28** **WEA# 53**

Building representative, former Board member, and teacher/student advocate, I have authored successful motions focusing on equity issues, and student/teacher contractual/ emotional/physical wellness.

**Angela Mosley-Freeman, (NEA), (WEA), Rainier View Elem., Paraeducator/Special Ed. Assistant** **NEA# 19** **WEA# 6**

I, Angela Mosley-Freeman, am an educator who strives for the best – not just for myself but for “ALL STUDENTS!”  
TEAMWORK definitely Makes a DREAM WORK!

**Lynne Oliphant, (NEA), HEALTH SERVICES/INTERAGENCY, SCHOOL NURSE** **NEA# 15**

I AM COMMITTED TO QUALITY HEALTH AND EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS. I LISTEN, ASK QUESTIONS AND I CRITICALLY EXAM THE ISSUES. SEND ME TO BOSTON

**Linda Overlie, (WEA), Nathan Hale High School, Special Education Assistant** **WEA# 26**

Unite, Organize, Empower! As an active and experienced member, I'd be honored to represent your voice and the many issues that affect us all.

**Cheryl Parker-McLane, (NEA), Seattle World School, Fiscal Clerk** **NEA# 47**

As the current Vice President of SAEOP, I am looking forward learning more for the members.

**Heidi Paulson, (NEA), Louisa Boren STEM, ELA/SS 7th grade teacher** **NEA# 51**

ELL, bilingual middle school literacy teacher motivated by change in federal government leaders to "be the change."

**Sharon Peterson, (NEA), (WEA), John Stanford Ed. Center, Truancy Intervention Specialist**      **NEA# 61**      **WEA# 3**

I've been working for Seattle Public Schools for 12+ years, my children attended Seattle Public Schools, I have a passion for change, devoted to mentoring.

**Marquita Prinzing, (NEA), (WEA), Seattle, Project Leader**      **NEA# 37**      **WEA# 33**

As a 7 year SPS teacher and the current project leader of the SEA Center for Race and Equity, I will advocate for equity.

**Marla Rasmussen, (NEA), (WEA), Wing Luke Elementary, Sped Ed IA**      **NEA# 32**      **WEA# 41**

As a long time union leader, I will fight the good fight for all educators! I ask for your vote.

**Elizabeth Robertson, (NEA), (WEA), Rainier View, Admin secretary**      **NEA# 23**      **WEA# 37**

Im a hard working individual who believe in education, for every child. I support all educators in their respective position. Im trust worthy and a.

**Andy Russell, (NEA), (WEA), Dearborn Park International School, Teacher**      **NEA# 24**      **WEA# 43**

Let's fight for full education funding of our schools, equitable treatment for our students, and to preserve the rights of our union and its members!

**Betty Sabo, (NEA), (WEA), Roosevelt High School, Special Education Assistant**      **NEA# 52**      **WEA# 44**

In these uncertain times I will be a voice for educators and defend our students' rights to receive a quality public education.

**David Sandler, (NEA), Special Education, Physical Therapist Assistant**      **NEA# 10**

After 41 years as an educator, 12 in Seattle Public Schools, my record of advocacy for the rights of children, families, co-workers supports my candidacy.

**Kathy Saxon, (WEA), Denny, Teacher**      **WEA# 29**

I'd be honored to represent my Seattle colleagues at our state assembly. I'll fight for what both we and our students need to be successful.

**Katrina Stensland, (NEA), (WEA), Eckstein Middle School, Sp.Ed. Instructional Assistant**      **NEA# 8**      **WEA# 49**

No statement submitted.

**Stan Strasner, (WEA), Sub, Sub**      **WEA# 15**

I am a new AR and would love to take part in the state assembly. :)

**Michael Tamayo, (NEA), (WEA), SEA, SEA Vice-President**

**NEA# 59      WEA# 35**

It's an honor to serve as association vice-president. In these uncertain times, we have to come together as a union to advocate for our students!

**Jessica Torvik, (WEA), Hale, Teacher**

**WEA# 48**

My priorities are equity, fair funding and inclusion. I want to attend WEA so I can learn, grow and continue to fight for us.

**Jeff Treistman, (NEA), (WEA), Denny International Middle School, School Librarian**

**NEA# 3      WEA# 19**

My strong commitment to equity of access for school libraries seeps into all of my concerns for educational justice for our students. SEE member.

**Elsbeth Trejo Savani, (WEA), Jane Addams Middle School, Speech Language Pathologist**

**WEA# 52**

AR for Speech Pathology group for last three years. Served on bargaining team during summer 2015. Currently on Race and Equity Team at Jane Addams.

**Mary Vester, (NEA), (WEA), Van Asselt, Teacher**

**NEA# 48      WEA# 1**

I, Mary Vester would like to be your voice to navigate our future of education. Please vote for me, Mary Vester. Thank you for your.

**Marian Wagner, (NEA), (WEA), Salmon Bay, 4th Grade Teacher**

**NEA# 36      WEA# 59**

Bargaining Team 2013 & 2015, Cert Evaluation Leader, Honored to Represent ALL SEA members at state and national assemblies. Education is a civil right!

**Marty Wall, (NEA), (WEA), South end, Substitute**

**NEA# 43      WEA# 51**

We need to continue to strengthen the SEA/WEA/EA which possess the ability and influence to improve our workplace conditions, pay and job security of those.

**Mary Whisenhunt, (NEA), (WEA), McClure M.S., teacher--social studies**

**NEA# 53      WEA# 2**

I'm excited to represent SEA educators with progressive values, hard work and a willingness to go beyond traditional approaches to advocate for educators and students.

**Jamall White, (NEA), (WEA), Martin Luther King Jr. elementary, Music Teacher**

**NEA# 46      WEA# 25**

I enjoy working for children. I believe in the Union. It makes us strong.

**Chris Yosting, (WEA), Wing Luke, Special Education Teacher**

**WEA# 11**

I will work for equity and fairness for all students and staff.