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May 3, 2023

Elections for Representatives to the Executive Committee

You should have received an email this morning by 9:00AM to your home account. Follow the directions to receive your ballot.

Your VOTE Matters.

Meet your Candidates!

Primary Rep:

I am **Patti Cook**, running for re-election as your Primary Rep. I teach Kindergarten at Rush and have taught kindergarten through fourth grades in my 37 years with the district. My role as Primary Rep has allowed me to become a stronger advocate by allowing me to meet with primary teachers and listen with an open mind to hear the stories behind the issues. I would be honored to continue as your primary representative to bring your voice and ideas to the district and support your work as an educator. Thanks for your vote!

For more, see [Patti Cook](#)

Intermediate Reps:

My name is **Fareeha Nasir**, and I am running for Intermediate Representative. I am a 6th year teacher. As your intermediate rep, I will make sure that all voices, new and experienced, are represented. In the past 6 years, I have worked within the union to understand its core values. I have been a building rep for the past year, I have attended the WEA and NEA rep assembly, I have been a part of the LWEA Equity team, I partake in the Advocacy and Leadership Competency Team, and lastly, I am a co-founder of the Educators of Color that provides support to all BIPOC in LWEA. I thoroughly believe in the work that the union does. The union fights for our rights, so we can continue to focus our energy on students. I am asking you to elect me to be your Intermediate Rep so that I can be your voice. I will advocate for new and experienced teachers, teachers pursuing National Boards, and teachers of color. Elect me, Fareeha Nasir, to be your Intermediate Rep so I can be YOUR voice. Thank you!

For more, see [Fareeha Nasir](#)

Intermediate Reps: (cont)

Rojine Rudio: I have had the pleasure of serving as Redmond Elementary's Building Representative for the past two years. This experience has empowered me to move forward working with our members, this time by serving the entire association.

I am asking for your support in voting for me as your next Elementary Intermediate Representative. The LWEA needs someone who is prepared to advocate not only for its members, but especially for its BIPOC educators. Our BIPOC members are representative of our district's student population, and I am fully committed to collaborating with and serving every member with transparency and empathy. Take a stand and make an impact. Vote Rojine Rudio to be your next Elementary **Intermediate Representative**.

For more, see [Rojine Rudio](#)

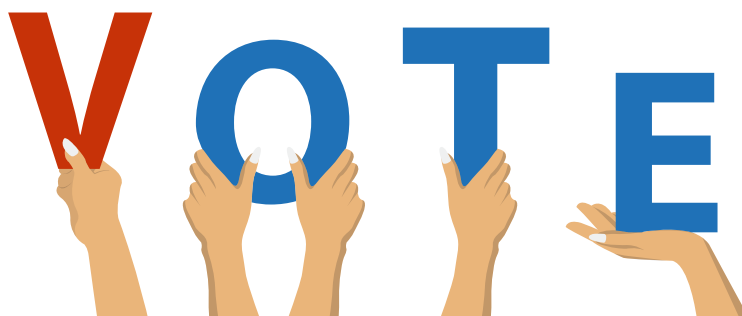
Middle School Reps:

Hello, my name is **Martha Daman**. I am running for middle school representative for the LWEA executive board. I teach LA/SS and Performing Arts at the Renaissance School of Art and Reasoning and am the final founding member of the school staff. After 24 years teaching in this district, I have acquired experience in traditional programs and alternative programs.

I am an effective listener and will strive to understand and represent the perspectives of all our middle school programs across the district, traditional and choice alike. This is a unique moment in history. It is imperative that we speak our truths and amplify our voices to have a positive impact on the work of our district in a productive direction for our students, staff, families and communities.

Greetings! I am **Hattie Midboe** (pronouns: she/her), your current LWEA Middle School Representative running for re-election. I'm completing my 8th year of teaching in LWSD at Stella Schola MS and am a proud union member with a passion around advocacy for educators. I want to ensure that our educators' voices are represented and heard when decisions are being made that impact our students and our classrooms. Roles I've served outside of MS Rep are TIF, Lead Teacher, Equity Team, Coach, and Building Rep.

This year, along with serving as your MS Rep, I served as a local delegate at WEA RA and will be attending NEA RA as a state delegate this July for the second year of my term. I am running for re-election because I want to see the work of our LWEA constitutional and bylaw amendments through, as well as the implementation of the first year of our new CBA. Along with this work, I look forward to meeting more of our LWEA members to see how I can best represent your voices. Thank you for your vote!



Special Services Reps:

My name is **Karyn Taggart**, and I am honored to run as your Special Services Representative. I have worked for the district in many capacities over my tenure with LWSD. I have also been a passionate parent, volunteer, PTA member and community activist. My interest in serving on the Executive Board is to listen, learn and advocate for my colleagues as they advocate for their students at all levels of instruction. Our students are our customers, and our service delivery requires dedication, engagement and passion. I serve to support your passion to educate and support our most vulnerable customers – those who require specially designed instruction. My heart lies with my students and with supporting and learning from my colleagues. Please vote for Karyn Taggart as Special Services Representative.

For more, see [Karyn Taggart](#)

Christian Cook, Redmond HS, Resource Teacher

My name is **Cookie Grant-Suggs** and I would be honored to be your **Special Services Representative**. I am a Multilingual Learner (ML) teacher at Ben Rush & an educator for over 25 years. It is my desire to be a voice for Special Services ensuring that they receive resources and support needed to do the phenomenal work done daily. I will advocate ensuring members are respected & represented in our district. I will consistently be the leader and powerful force in front & behind our members. We will not settle for less! Thank you for voting for me!

For more, see [Cookie Grant-Suggs](#)

Hello members of LWEA from **Amanda Gerber**. I seek to represent you as Special Services Executive Representative. I am a mom of 2 boys (17/19) and a wife. This is my greatest accomplishment personally. Family has given me patience and agility. 20 years teaching general and special education from preK-12, masters and certification in leadership are my greatest accomplishments professionally. Combined, I humbly have some of what is needed for this position. The rest comes from us. Many changes occurring, things we need help with and many instances where we do well. solution comes from our experience and voices together.

Specialists Reps:

My name is **Shaina Langley**, and I am excited to run as your **Specialist Representative**. Our Executive Board needs passionate members who bring both experience and a fresh perspective to the table. As a Pull-out Quest Teacher, Building Labor Manager, LWEA-PAC Manager, and Election Interview Team Lead, I am uniquely fit to uplift the underrepresented voices of our specialist role. We all deserve safer working environments, better work-life balance, and more representation in our bargaining agreements. As your Specialist Representative, I will work tirelessly to ensure your voices are brought to the table and to breathe new life into our union's leadership.

Vote Shaina Langley for Specialist Representative.

For more, see [Shaina Langley](#)

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Ethnic Minority Rep:

[Michael Finley](#)

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Specialists Reps: (cont)

Hello, LWEA! My name is **Nikole Lalas** and have been your LWEA Specialist Rep for the last year. I believe specialist roles deserve strong amplification and advocacy for their needs so that they can focus on the important services and supports they provide to students. I am passionate about representing the unique and challenging roles of all specialists in the LWSD, and I hope you will elect me to continue my work as your Specialist Representative for the 2023-24 school year. Please read more about me in my bio!

For more, see [Nikole Lalas](#)

Ethnic Minority Rep:

My Name is **Michael Finley**. It would be my honor to act as your advocate on the LWEA Executive Committee.

As your rep, I will be a passionate voice that will ensure that the interests of BIPOC educators are served. We all deserve a healthy, positive work environment where we are treated with respect and dignity. Our unique talents and perspectives should be considered an asset to our school communities.

In 8 years with LWSD, I've been inspired by so many of your stories of triumph and perseverance. Choose me to be our voice.

Vote Michael Finley for Ethnic Minority Representative.

For more, see [Michael Finley](#)



Looking to get Involved?

Join LWEA's WEA-PAC Election Interview panel to help decide which candidates our WEA-PAC dollars go to! The team is looking to have a well-rounded, diverse panel and needs representation from high school teachers and specialists. Please reach out to our LWEA WEA-PAC Manager, Shaina Langley, at shaina.langley@washingtonea.org or by phone at 360-440-3194 for more information.

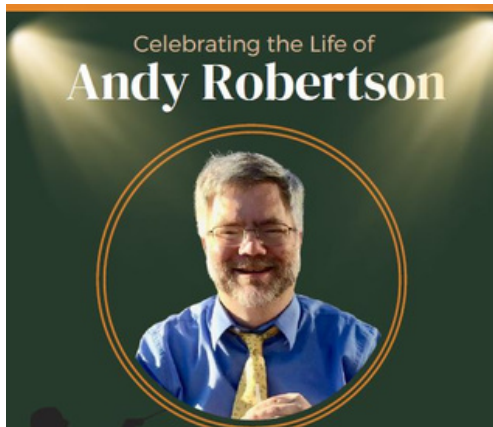


Celebration of Life for Chuck Hagerman

**Saturday, May 6 from 1-3pm
Normanna Lodge
2725 Oaks Ave, Everett**



If you have questions please call:
Scott Hagerman 425-923-0232
Sara Nelson 425-308-6832
Sheila Hagerman 425-359-5351



Celebration of Life

*May 24 @ 7pm
Redmond HS Gym*

OFFICE STAFF

Office Manager: Terri Neely
Field Assistant: Diana Wagner
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8575 164th Ave NE
Suite 100
Redmond, WA 98052

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Send directly to **Terri Neely** in the LWEA office.



MAY 2 - 5

Teacher Appreciation Week

MAY 14

Mother's Day



Teacher Appreciation Week

Our teachers are Amazing, Incredible, the Finest, Superior, Outstanding, Unequaled, Awesome Absolutely the BEST!!

Thank you



A Friend In Need

Carrie Creek, Peter Kirk Elem, had a kidney transplant in the Fall and is experiencing complications which led to another emergency surgery. She has run out of sick leave and requires time to recover. If you can help Carrie, please complete the shared leave form. Thank you for your support.

Please consider a [Shared Leave Donation](#) by filling out the donation form and sending it to HRLeaves@lwsd.org. Thank you.

Retiring This Year?

LWSD will recognize all retirees in a slideshow that will be showcased on the district website and social media pages. Please contact Collin Sullivan at csullivan@lwsd.org or 425-936-1300 if you are planning to retire so we can be sure to include you in this year's presentation.

We want to honor you for all your hard work and dedication.

Congratulations!!