

Special Election Edition

Election of delegates to represent HEA at the WEA Representative Assembly and the NEA Representative Assembly will be held at your worksite during the week of January 23 -27. This special election edition of the Focus provides the nominees an opportunity to tell who they are and why they would like to represent the Association. Some are running for WEA or NEA delegate only; others are running for both WEA and NEA delegate, as noted.

Amy Hepburn —WEA Delegate

Greetings! I've been the Mount View counselor since 2001. I'm HSD's elementary bullying "point person" and a member of the Crisis Team. I'm proud of my many contributions to our students and district. HEA/WEA has invested a significant sum to increase my organizing skills. I'll bring commitment and energy to WEA RA to prevent loss of our collective bargaining rights, our right to teach not test, good health benefits and further deterioration of K -12 funding.

Fallon King —WEA Delegate

I have been an HEA representative at Cedarhurst for the last 2 years. I am interested in attending WEA Representative Assembly in order to learn more about the democratic process and have the chance to bring a new HEA voice to the state -wide assembly. I hope to have the opportunity to represent Highline as a delegate this year, and I thank you for your vote.

Susan Andrews —Salmond —WEA Delegate

Our profession is eroding in the public's eye because of concerted attacks by anti -union forces and those who want to privatize public education. Therefore, it's important to strengthen our profession/union. As a building representative at HHS, I've helped push administration to accept a Shared Leadership model with staff chosen representatives, and learned to represent teacher/students needs in the face of state/district changes. I would like to participate in the WEA RA to meet and learn from WEA members.

Sandy Hunt —NEA Delegate

Roles: HEA Secretary, WEA Congressional Action Team, Joint Evaluation Team. In our current political climate, it is imperative that state and federal legislators listen to teachers. I have served you by organizing, lobbying and communicating teacher priorities to legislators. With the NEA Representative Assembly in D.C, I will incorporate political action in this trip! I work as a math interventionist at Beverly Park and would appreciate you sending me to my first NEA RA.

Joanne Glasgow —NEA Delegate

I would like to be your voice at NEA Representative Assembly this year. I have been the Teacher Librarian (TL) at Evergreen Educational Complex for 19 years, and before that was at both Cedarhurst and Midway in the same position. In the past 3 years, budget cuts nationwide have hit Teacher Librarians hard, with many districts around the nation cutting library programs completely. Let me represent the few TLs who remain.

Lindsey Durant —WEA Delegate

I attended WEA RA for 2 years as a representative and enjoyed the experience of bringing HEA member issues to the state -wide assembly. I also appreciated the experience of learning more about the democratic process. As a learner, I hope to continue to have the opportunity to represent Highline as a delegate to this year's assembly and I thank you for your vote.

Mohammed Aneqbeode —WEA/NEA Delegate

Thank you for the honor to represent you in the past. I need your support to continue the important work we have begun together. I will continue to listen to you and move public education forward in these very challenging times. Defending our collective bargaining and member rights is a priority. We must redouble our efforts to fight those who seek to dismantle our rights to organize. Please consider my re -election and vote for me.

Jennifer Walsh —WEA Delegate

Esteemed hard -working colleagues, I learned a lot from my amazing experience at NEA Rep Assembly last year. I would like to represent you using the experience I gained during my initial attendance at the event of a lifetime. I am humbled to serve you and welcome your suggestions and support. Write me anytime at earlychildspecial@gmail.com and vote for Jennifer Walsh. I'm committed to watch out for our best interests.

Jeb Binns —NEA Delegate

As a building rep from Highline High, a member of your bargaining team and as a WEA RA delegate, I ask for you to reward my service with your vote for NEA RA delegate. I plan to use my time at the NEA RA in bargaining and organizing focused break out sessions. Thank you for this continued opportunity to serve you.