



My name is De Marco Best, I have two kids, De Marco II in 7th grade, De Maris in 5th grade, a wonderful wife of 16 years Rozoanne and I would like to be your Region 5 Director for 2012-2013.

I have been an active PTA member for over 8 years. 7 of those 8 years I've been active in PTA leadership. I've held most PTA position except Secretary and if you've seen my handwriting you would know why that position doesn't interest me.

I think my long-term commitment to "Making Every Child's Potential a Reality" is what makes me a great candidate for this position. I've demonstrated this in many ways over the length of my blossoming PTA career.

I helped grow a working Elementary PTA from 60 to almost 200 members, which allowed us to expand the programs we can support. Most notably making it possible for the school to have an online Accelerated Reader (AR) program, which vastly increased the number of books that could be offered to the kids in this reading program.

I was part of a core group of concerned PTA leaders that revived the Bethel Area Council. This is a work in progress but it started over 5 years ago. We now have a growing and functioning council to be proud of.

I've served on the Region 5 Service Delivery Team for the last 3 years. Presented classes at region conferences and co-presented at the state convention. I've represented Washington State PTA at the National Emerging Minority Leaders Conference in Atlanta. I'm now serving on the Technology Task Force for the Washington State PTA.

Above are the highlights of my PTA experience, now some of the related items that I think are pertinent to better know me. I have volunteered or been appointed to as the parent representative for a number of committees in the Bethel School District like the School Site council, District Budget Committee, Long Term Building Planning Committee, Elementary School Boundary Committee.

I also volunteer with a number of other community groups like Tacoma's Habitat for Humanity and Tacoma's United Way.

All of the above I think is indicative of all our strong PTA leaders. Some of us have more time than others but we all strive to make the world a better place for our children by insuring that all children live up to their potential by striving to remove as many road blocks as humanly possible. What I'm trying to say is that when I look around at convention, legislative assembly or any other PTA training event, I'm no different than all those that stand around me, I'm just one of many that makes our association strong.

I see the Region 5 Region Directors position as the next step in my PTA evolution. I am in no way perfect nor have I executed the duties of the positions I've held perfectly. With each experience (successful or not) I learn new things and I attempt to incorporate those things into making me a better PTA leader. If you choose to elect me as you Region 5 Director, along with an energetic Service Delivery Team I shall endeavor to keep region 5 a thriving relevant force to help keep our local units strong to achieve our joint goal of "Making Every Child's Potential a Reality".

Sincerely

De Marco R. Best

DECLARATION OF GOOD FAITH
Election for 2012-13 Term
Region Director

I, DeMarco R. Best declare that I am currently
a member of Thompson Elementary PTA, Local Unit
Number 5 3 20, and that at the time of filing this Declaration, I am
qualified to assume the position of Region Director of the Washington State PTA; and that I
hereby declare myself a candidate for that position.

I further acknowledge that I understand the duties and responsibilities of the position, and I am
prepared to fulfill the term.

Name: DeMarco R. Best

Signature: De Marco R. Best

Date: 31 Dec 11