

My name is Nancy Chamberlain, and I would be honored to serve the members of the Washington State PTA as President.

As long as I can remember, I have had the mission to do something with my life to help people. That led me to use my love of science to get a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and conduct research for 15 years before having children. But it was within PTA that I have found fulfillment of my mission.

When my oldest entered Kindergarten, I joined the PTA. It did not take long before I learned that PTA is about more than raising money – PTA has a long and proud history of advocacy for ALL kids! I was still a PTA newbie in 2007 when WSPTA was instrumental in gaining statewide approval for Simple Majority for Levies – a change that has helped put hundreds of millions of dollars into local schools in the last 14 years.

The realization that through PTA, I could make a difference in the lives of many kids has been my full-time focus ever since. I am grateful for the leadership training I have received through WSPTA, and have been an officer on five local PTAs and Northshore Council, serving as President, Treasurer and Legislative/Advocacy Chair at elementary, secondary, and council levels.

It has been my honor to serve on the WSPTA Board of Directors since 2017 as Advocacy Director and Finance Officer, as well as serving on numerous committees, including Leadership, Communications, Bylaws and planning committees for Legislative Assembly and Convention. This extensive set of experiences and leadership positions has given me a broad and deep understanding of how WSPTA operates and what it needs to do to remain relevant and sustainable.

Consistent with our Strategic Plan 2020-23, WSPTA must:

- Continue to listen to our local PTA leaders and remove barriers to participation (both for members and for leaders.)
- Expand our diversity, equity and inclusion efforts so that our membership and our leadership more closely reflect the families we serve.
- Leverage technology to increase our service and training to local PTAs and Councils to expand and strength our leadership pipeline.
- Maintain and extend our strong advocacy program through diversification of the voices at the table so that we can truly represent *every child* with *one voice*.

I appreciate your support and look forward to serving you as President for 2021-2023.