

Hello, I am Laura Peterson and I look forward to serving you as the WSPTA Programs Director. I have been an active member on various program committees for years at state and local levels and the Essay Chair for the past 4 years. I have served in multiple PTSA leadership roles since 2008 not just at my daughters' schools but also with our local Everett PTSA Council and Region 7. I have even presented at National Convention. I have often considered advancing my PTA leadership by becoming a WSPTA Board Director but my work schedule (and no substitutes) always seemed to hinder being able to commit the time needed and to be honest, I was nervous and a little scared.

What's changed? I remembered that there is no I in TEAM and all the BOD are in this together as a cohesive unit. We are all PTA flexible and good at adapting ideas as needed. The board members all have the same goal of providing you, your families and students with the best service that we can.

I love that our programs provide an opportunity for students to shine in areas other than sports, including those with special needs. I'm proud that we recognize all the great work that our volunteer leaders are providing for their schools. I look forward to sharing all that I have learned and partnering with you to incorporate your ideas in our programs.

On a more personal note, I have three daughters-a high school freshman, junior, and UW freshman. They are all doing remote learning from home. My husband works from home too as a software programmer (helps to have instant tech support). I work as the special services nurse liaison for Everett Public Schools so I work with special needs students and their families every day. My nursing work and PTA work have crossed paths enabling me to serve on the Immunization and the School Based Health Centers task force as the WSPTA representative.