

The mission of PTA is about families and schools working together to ensure that children in our communities are healthy, safe, and supported. Working in PTA for many years has helped me understand that a successful partnership with a wide variety of individuals and organizations is needed to serve this mission. It is important for the PTA to work in tandem with the families, volunteers, advocates, and teachers that work to ensure each child is supported and he/she realizes their full potential. In my current role as the Area B Vice President for Region 2 and 5, I have worked to support councils and local PTA leaders and volunteers in their efforts to ensure our children's education success, health, and well-being.

It is my utmost honor to be nominated for the office of WSPTA Leadership Director for 2021-23. I have been involved in PTA for over 13 years with experience ranging from the elementary PTA, secondary PTAs, council, and the WSPTA Board of Directors, currently serving as the Area B VP. I have served as a member of the WSPTA Leadership Committee where I have had the privilege to work with various PTA leadership groups across the state to facilitate the fulfillment of their training needs. In addition, I have participated on several statewide committees. Every position that I have held has given me the opportunity to work with a great group of volunteers and to learn from each other. This broad experience has given me a better understanding of the organization and will help me guide and support the local PTA leaders to achieve their objectives by providing an atmosphere of shared thinking and open channels for communication. Developing leaders of the future is extremely important to me and I feel that guiding them to embrace the principles of inclusivity, diversity, respect, and commitment will lead to their growth as leaders and to the success of their PTAs.

I am also as a Faculty member in Bellevue College for over 14 years, teaching English as a Second Language to adults. I have also taught at various PTA trainings, conferences, and conventions on topics such as "PTA and the Law", "Managing non-profits", and others.

As the WSPTA Leadership Director, I would bring the experience to develop and impart targeted learning content to our leaders and members and look forward to working with them on exploring new avenues for training, communication, and engagement opportunities that would benefit the school, parent, and student community.

It would be an honor and privilege to work in the position of Leadership Director at WSPTA and be a part of it as it moves forward to meet new challenges, explore new avenues for collaboration and communication that would, in any way, ensure the success of the school and its students.