

Brene Brown wrote “Who we are and how we engage with the world are much stronger predictors of how our children will do than what we know about parenting.” And we show up for PTA every day. We show up for families and for students and for education. Showing up is the foundation for stepping up to being a PTA leader. And a great leader inspires others and can be a catalyst for change and improvement.

Friends and partners in PTA, we have hard work to do. WSPTA has taken a few recent steps to increase our ability to reach our communities that have traditionally been underrepresented. Together, let's strive to deepen our inclusive practices, diversify our membership, and empower the next generation of PTA leaders. I'm energized to head up this endeavor and support others in bringing their talents to the important work of supporting families across the state. My background in education and technology management will be a solid foundation for this effort as we enter a new era in Family and Community Engagement - one that relies on virtual platforms and relationships to build community.

I have learned so much in my varied roles as President for 2 Local PTAs in Edmonds, Edmonds Council President, Region 7's Service Delivery Team, and as the recent WSPTA Director of Leadership. I'm eager to leverage these experiences to support growth for our FACE programs and practices across the state. I feel particularly passionate about the work ahead to change the face and voices in PTA to better represent our demographics. Because I believe that being a leader is more than showing up - it is, at the end of the day, a time to step up and stand strong for our kids and families, including and especially those with limited voice. Won't you join me?