

My name is Craig Willis, and I am running as a self-declared candidate for the 2022-2024 Washington State PTA Nominating Committee. The purpose of the WSPTA Nominating Committee is to recognize and recruit the most qualified PTA leaders from across Washington to be the next leaders of Washington State PTA, making this the most important committee in Washington State PTA.

During my time in PTA, I have been a member of multiple Washington State Committees and teams, including Leadership Committee, Programs Committee, and Convention Activities Sub-Committee. At the Council level, I have been President, Vice President, and Communications Chairperson. At the local level, I have been President, Vice President, Secretary, and Communications Chairperson, among multiple other roles. This year, I am also a member of the Region 7 Service Delivery Team as our Everett PTSA Council 7.3 Representative, and in that role I interact regularly with the Region 7 Director, Area E VP, and other SDT members. I have previous and recent experience as a PTA Nominating Committee member during two different years, with both experiences at the Council level and one of those years as the Council Nominating Committee Chairperson.

But being a PTA leader and qualified Nominating Committee candidate goes beyond which positions have been held. I try to lead by example, making certain to attend, receive training at, and promote attendance for key PTA events, such as WSPTA Convention, WSPTA Leadership Conference, WSPTA Legislative Assembly, WSPTA Autumn Leadership Launch, WSPTA Council Summits, and National PTA Convention. Thanks in large part to being an active participant at various levels of PTA and at various PTA events, I have made numerous connections and collaborations with PTA leaders across Washington. I believe these interactions and connections will aid our WSPTA Nominating Committee in being able to look in all areas of our State to find the best candidates to lead Washington State PTA in the future.

On a personal level, I take responsiveness and communication in high regard, which will be an asset to the WSPTA Nominating Committee. I believe in a "team first" philosophy, in which not only do I want to be part of a great team but I also want to help find the best nominees possible to lead Washington State PTA. Being on the Nominating Committee is not about any one person; we are all in this together to help ensure that all PTAs in our State will succeed.

I believe I am qualified to be a member of the WSPTA Nominating Committee due to holding positions at local, Council, and State levels of PTA, attending every major State PTA training event offered, and having made connections with PTA leaders across Washington. It is very important to me that the WSPTA Nominating Committee takes into consideration inclusivity and diversity when reviewing officer candidates, and that we look across the entire State to find the best PTA leaders possible.

I ask for your consideration and your vote. Thank you.