

It's an honor to be a candidate for Vice-President of WSSDA!

My School Board service began in 2007 when I was appointed to the Riverview School District board of directors to fill the vacancy created when Phil Gore accepted a position at WSSDA and moved to Olympia. Almost immediately, I was asked to serve as the legislative representative for the board, a position that I've held for all 12 years.

I graduated from Leadership WSSDA in 2010 and successfully ran for the Legislative Committee that year. I've served as vice-chair for one term and chair for two terms and continue to represent Director Area 2 on the committee. I've been a member of our Federal Relations Network (FRN) for the past seven years and have joined my fellow FRN members in Washington, DC each year, advocating for public education at the federal level.

What excites me the most about the opportunity to serve as WSSDA vice-president is the direction our association is heading. No longer do we do things because it's the way we always have. As the landscape changes, we are able to adapt to that change. The levels of advocacy with our state legislators has grown dramatically, and our voice is being heard loud and clear. We've seen some of our own step up to serve in the Legislature, and they bring not only our voice, but also our experience and understanding of how school finance and operations work, while educating their colleagues in the process.

This is progress!

Let me repeat, it's truly an honor to be a candidate for vice-president of WSSDA, and I'd appreciate the opportunity to earn your vote!

Respectfully,

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