

Sarah Widdison
Member-at-Large – Non-Instructional
Bio

Sarah Widdison has been working with the Anchorage School District since 2015 at Bartlett High School. She has held the positions of Library Media Assistant and IEP Clerical. Since 2018, she has been the Secretary for Student Services. In addition to her secretarial duties, Sarah has also been the School Business Partner Coordinator. She also organizes and publishes the Bartlett Newsletter and maintains the Bartlett social media pages.

Working for ASD started Sarah's involvement in a union, and she appreciates the work the Totem Association does to secure jobs and benefits for paraprofessionals and office staff. Sarah has always been eager to learn how unions work and wants to assist others in that joint effort. She has been the Bartlett Site Contact since 2019 and this year she began working as a Student Services Mentor for new Student Services Secretaries in the district.

Sarah has always been outspoken and does not back away from challenges. Instead, she meets challenges head on, tactfully and professionally. She is articulate and not afraid to ask questions to better understand and learn about issues, and she believes the Anchorage School District has neglected our group of clerical and paraprofessionals for far too long. She believes that building and strengthening union membership is the way to make sure the district stops taking these vital employees for granted. Sarah hopes that by being a part of the Totem Association Board of Directors as a Non-Instructional Member-At-Large, she will be able to use her communication skills to help members understand their union benefits and use her strong work ethic to help Totem Employees be successful in their jobs, reach their career goals, and feel appreciated by the district.

Sarah has lived in Alaska since 2014. She has lived in several other states including Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and Vermont, and has lived overseas in Australia. Sarah married David Widdison 23 years ago and has 3 sons, Zach, 21, Cannon, 18, and Elliot, 15. When Elliot graduates in 2025, she will be the proud mother of 3 ASD graduates. Sarah loves Alaskan summers and enjoys all that the season has to offer, including kayaking, camping, fishing adventures and being the favorite "self-appointed tour guide" for her friends and family that visit. Sarah looks forward to serving her union and working with the talented and skilled group of Totem Members.