



Hello, my name is Tammy Hanson, and my adventure began with the Anchorage School District in 1999 as a Resource TA (Paraprofessional) working one on one with a 2nd grade student at the elementary school I also attended as a young child. After getting into the district, I continued working my way up as a noon duty, room mom, and PTA Board Member before finally being hired as the Administrative Assistant – all at Wonder Park Elementary! I have worked in the same building for the past 23 years because I am a loyal person and that is what you would get from me as your representative – loyalty and dedicated service. In the summers I work with Title VI fostering enrichment for students because I love seeing the growth students make between school years.

For the past few years, I have served on the Totem Board as a “Member-at-Large, Non-Instructional,” and have enjoyed learning about our outstanding Union. Attending new hire orientations, reaching out to new hires with phone calls, assisting at the TOTEM Spring Conference, book giveaways, and bringing issues forward to the board so others have a voice has been a pleasure for me; I am looking forward to more opportunities to continue to serve all of you. For the past year and a half, I have been the TOTEM Sick Leave Bank Chair and my goal has been to expedite applications because when one of us needs help, we deserve to have a Union that is responsive and shows care through action. I am all about getting the job done quickly, accurately and with an empathetic heart because our members deserve this kind of support because that's what we give to the district.

This school year I took on becoming a mentor to Administrative Assistants and secretaries. Truly a wonderful experience being able to help other employees navigate through district policies and strategies, what a gift it has been.

I hope you will support me in my bid for “Member-at-Large, Non-Instructional” and I promise to advocate for all of you to help you grow, as TOTEM Members have mentored and supported me throughout my career. We need our voice to be heard, we provide excellent value to the district with our expertise and professionalism, and I am dedicated to making the changes we want to see. I would love to hear from anyone with any additional ideas on how we can make our work lives better and I sincerely thank you for considering me as your “Member-at-Large, Non-Instructional board member.”

Respectively,
Tammy Hanson