

Hello! My name is Denise Buchanan and I am running for the TOTEM Board Seat of Secretary. I am a long time ASD employee, October 2000, and have worked in a variety of secondary (Middle and High) schools as well as the Curriculum Department at the Education Center. I am currently the Administrative Assistant at Romig Middle School and have been since 2015.

I believe in the importance of having a Union and the strength in collective bargaining! I strongly feel that, just as most TOTEM employees are committed to helping students be the best that they can be, our TOTEM Union does that for every Member. Without a union's support for our contract, for the protection of our work conditions, and even for our conflict resolutions, we would not have the benefits we currently have. A union's purpose is to work FOR us.

To that end, I have also been a TOTEM Employee Representative for four years now. I have represented Members during some tough situation and have always been a supportive voice for both our Members and our TOTEM Contract. The TOTEM Contract is the framework that guides and protects us and Employee Representatives are always there to help.

My sincerest desire is to support our Members in any way that I can. As Secretary, I plan to attend all meetings and make sure our records are in order. I plan to ensure that members can know what the big and small issues are, what the plans are or where the conversation stands regarding those issues, and what the plans are for moving forward. Our meetings are for the good of our Union, which is for the good of our Members. Together, we are Union STRONG.

I look forward to supporting you as TOTEM Board Secretary.