



# It's the U and I in **UNION** that makes us Strong!

Hello, my name is Tammy Hanson, and my journey with the Anchorage School District began in 1999 as a Resource TA (aka Paraprofessional), where I worked one-on-one with a second-grade student at the same elementary school I attended as a child. Since joining the district, I have worked my way up through various roles, including noon duty, room mom, and PTA Board Member, before being hired as an Administrative Assistant—all at Wonder Park Elementary! Home of the ALL STARS! I have worked in the same building for the past 25 years because I value loyalty, and that is what I will provide as your representative—dedication and reliable service.

During the summers, I work with the Indigenous Education Department, focusing on fostering enrichment for students, as I love witnessing the growth they achieve between school years. I enjoy my time serving on the Totem Board as a “Member-at-Large, Non-Instructional member.” I love learning about our outstanding union, attending new-hire orientations or Zoom calls, reaching out to new hires, assisting at the TOTEM Spring Conference, organizing book giveaways, and bringing important issues to the board’s attention so that everyone has a voice, I have experience at facilitating and being a part of membership drives, representing TOTEM #6265 at events locally and at out of state conferences, including Caucus, I look forward to more opportunities to continue serving all of you.

I take great pride in being the TOTEM Sick Leave Bank Chair, and my goal is to always expedite applications. When one of us needs help, we deserve a union that is responsive and shows care through action. I am committed to getting things done quickly, accurately, and with empathy because our members deserve this level of support.

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

Respectfully,

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