



PEA Broadside



2017 Election Special Edition



PEA Members,

On Tuesday, May 16, 2017 PEA will hold our annual elections in buildings throughout the district. One district-wide position, the office of Vice-President, is contested. In an effort to provide PEA members with an opportunity to make an informed decision prior to voting, both candidates for Vice-President submitted statements outlining their positions and the reasons for their candidacy. Please find the statements below (listed in alphabetical order by last name). Remember to vote on Tuesday!

Statement from Randy Hartman

Penfield PEA Members:

As a PEA member for many years, as well as, serving several terms as building rep; PARC rep; and RA delegate, I would like to continue my representation of our members' voice in the role of Vice President. As a fellow colleague, I have worked with many of you as a team member helping our students reach their educational goals. As a PEA member, I have worked with many of you on the PARC Committee during several contract negotiation periods, as well as, representing our membership as building rep at Indian Landing and Harris Hill. In addition, as your NYSUT Representative Assembly delegate, I've also participated in the RA convention voting on behalf of proposals and topics that impact our professional lives. Serving in this capacity I've been able to provide our members with important information about pending legislation that would impact our work with students, and our ability to negotiate for our professional futures.

With your support, I would like to continue my advocacy for our members in the role of Vice President. As described in our association's Constitution, one important role of PEA Vice



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President, is the coordination of political action and our annual Vote/Cope drive. From my participation in the NYSUT Representative Assembly; it is clear we must become more active in local, state, and federal political action to maintain the integrity of our profession. In states where just 5 years ago it was unthinkable that public education, collective bargaining, and pensions could be in jeopardy; today they are being quickly dismantled through legislative and judicial action. Because of this trend, political advocacy must be a high priority. To this end, one role of PEA Vice President is to lead this charge. To accomplish this task, our union needs to insure our members are knowledgeable of the issues, and actively support local and regional initiatives that promote our profession. I would welcome the opportunity to represent our members in the role of Vice President.

Thank you for your support. Randy Hartman.

Statement from Hope Vogel

Hello everyone! My name is Hope Vogel, and I am running for PEA Vice-President.

For those of you who don't know me, I am a special education teacher at Bay Trail and have taught for 29 years. My involvement with PEA has been extensive. I served on the PARC committee for the past eight years and was elected PARC chair twice. This gave me valuable leadership experience and extensive knowledge of our contract, as well as knowledge of contracts of other area units. In addition, I served on the last two negotiation teams, sitting at the table during meetings with district officials and PEA negotiators. These experiences allowed me to develop relationships with District Office administrators, as well as PEA members and leaders. These relationships are invaluable and will help me assist members with any grievances or other issues that may arise.

I also serve as a PEA delegate to the New York State Teachers Retirement System and represent our members at the annual Delegate's Convention. This role allowed me to assist members with retirement questions. My further service to PEA includes membership on the LAP committee and frequent participation in e-activism, contacting our government representatives to encourage their support of public education and the needs of teachers and students.

Finally, I have a very good working relationship with our president, Bobby Young. This relationship will serve the PEA well. I will work closely with him to best meet the needs of all PEA members.



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I would be honored to be your next Vice-President and hope you will support my candidacy. PEA members are the most dedicated and skilled professionals I have ever had the privilege to work with. If elected, I will do everything I can to represent you to the best of my ability. You deserve nothing less. Thank you.

Thank you to Randy, Hope, and all candidates running for elected office for PEA throughout the district. Once again, please remember to vote on Tuesday, May 16th.