

ETA Bargaining Team Bios

Name: Sarah Madson

Current Site: Independence

Years of service in U-46: 18

Years in education: 20

All education positions you have held in your career: teacher, ETA officer, advocate, sec member, IC member, grade level SD, EC vision and mission committee, IEA delegate, NEA delegate, bargaining team, CIC, assessment team for EC, School SIP team, etc.

All training and certification I hold an Early childhood certificate, a special education certificate and an ESL certificate. And lots of other stuff 😊 Interest based bargaining training, conflict resolution training

All ETA participation: I've served as ETA secretary for the past 8 years; I've attended IEA and NEA representative assemblies while I have been secretary. I was a founding member of the ITUL collaboration. I serve on multiple committees within my department and my district.

Statement of interest: I feel that the team needs a sense of where we have been and how we can grow. Having been a member of the board for a while, I think I can bring a perspective of institutional knowledge to the table. I don't have any of the answers, but I can bring a perspective of what has worked in the past and what has not.

Name: Marisol Saavedra

Current Site: Timber Trails Elementary School

16 Years of Service in U-46

23 years in education

Education positions throughout my years of service:

- Primarily in upper grades at the elementary level. (Currently teaching 2-way Dual Language 4th grade).
- Summer school intervention school for 12 years (1st to 8th grades).
- After school intervention to support academic growth on students at risk.
- U-46 Presenter for the 35th and 36th Illinois Resource Center Annual Statewide Conferences for Teachers Serving Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Students.
- 4th Grade Dual Language Representative for "La Cosecha" Conferences in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 2013.
- U-46 3rd Annual Dual Language Academy Presenter.
- ELA Early Implementer.
- Building Rep for ELL Committee.
- U-46 Writing Curriculum Committee.
- Interviewing Teams for Instructional Coaches and current ELL Director.
- Mentor for the Teacher Mentor Program as part of the Teacher Effectiveness Initiatives for several years.
- National Board Cohort Facilitator for candidates pursuing the National Board Certification for the past three years.
- Building Committee 4th Grade Rep.
- SIP Committee Dual Language Rep.
- Testing Proctor for W-APT Placement Test for the Newcomers Department in U-46.

- Data Analysis Team for Timber Trails.
- ESL classes integrating knowledge of the American Education System for Hispanic parents in our district.
- Tutor in Math and Spanish to support Middle and High School students.

Training and Certifications:

- Bachelor Degree in Economics
- Masters in Elementary Education
- Type 03 Certificate
- ELL Endorsement
- Bilingual Endorsement
- National Board Certified in Literacy for Elementary Students
- ACCESS, PARCC, MAP Testing trained
- Trainings that cover academics, ELL strategies, hiring processes, interviewing skills, PBIS, Non-Violent Crisis Interventions, Dual Language, reading strategies, teaching children in poverty or children with ADHD, student rapport, behavior, safety, etc.

Statement of interest: I strongly believe I that all these years working for our district have been not only challenging and time consuming, but also of great learning and gratification. Being a teacher demands from us in aspects that go beyond what many might not even imagine. The experience accumulated, the learning that accompanies it, the willingness to share what I have gone through in my profession, are a few of the reasons why I basically want to be part of this team. It is about time for me to take an active role as an ETA member.

Name: Jackie Jagielski

Current Site: Glenbrook Elementary

Years of Service in U-46: 21

Educational Positions Held:

- First grade and first grade bilingual
- Second grade
- Fourth grade and fourth grade gifted
- Fifth grade gifted
- Sixth grade and sixth grade gifted
- Substitute teacher
- Spelling Bee Coach
- Battle of the Books Coach
- Served on several gifted committees
- Report Card Committee
- ELA Writing Curriculum
- Teacher Mentor Oversight Committee member
- Student Growth Joint Committee

Training and Certification:

- Elementary education
- Type 75 (Masters in Educational Leadership)
- ESL endorsement (K-6)
- Gifted endorsement (K-6)
- Quantum Learning

- PBIS

ETA Participation:

- ETA Building Rep most years since 1995
- ETA Section Director
- ETA Treasurer
- IEA and NEA Representative

Why I want to be on the bargaining team:

We are at a critical juncture in our Union and Board of Education relationship; more than ever, we need to stand up for ourselves and our students. I feel a personal responsibility to give a voice to students and teachers. I see it as my role to represent the needs and desires of my fellow ETA colleagues. In the Student Growth Joint Committee, I found that the ability to find common interests with administration and advocate for teachers and students is not only possible but essential.

Name: Ann Calverley

Current Site: Coleman

Years of service in U-46: 21

Years in education: 21

Education positions held: elementary visual arts teacher and interventionist, teacher mentor, member of many school and district committees including Elementary Art Curriculum Writing, Art Department S.I.P. Team, Coleman RTI Team and Building Department

All training and certification: BS in K-12 Visual Arts Ed, master's degree in Educational Leadership, certified in Hallway Hugs and Advanced Glitter Application

All ETA participation: Elementary Art Dept. Rep

Statement of interest: I have had the opportunity to teach at multiple schools with many dedicated colleagues and thousands of students. This experience has given me the unique perspective of the itinerant teacher, which I hope can be beneficial during the bargaining process. Recent history has shown that we cannot take our unions for granted. Giving some extra time to this team is my way of supporting all the good I see in our district and of addressing all that can be improved.

Name: Gary Lorber

Current Site: Bartlett HS

Years of service in U-46: 21

Years in education: 27

All education positions you have held in your career: Every known math class from 8th grade to Pre-Calculus, every level and type of ELA from 8th to 12th grade, middle school social studies

All training and certification: National Board Certified, 8-12 ELA/Math and Middle School Social Studies certifications

All ETA participation: ETA Rep, Head Building Rep, Section Director, Vice President

Statement of interest: This is an incredibly important time for everyone involved in the U46 educational system. I want to help us move forward as I safeguard the rights of educators while improving our ability to teach our students.

Name: Nick Vassolo

Streamwood High

Years in service to U-46:16

Years in education: 16

Education positions held: Classroom teacher in the social studies department of SHS for 15 years (one year in Bartlett). Main assignment has been teaching AP level coursework in the World Languages International Studies Academy. The balance of my teaching is done at the Senior level required courses (Civics and Econ).

I have served as the site delegate to the District Professional Development Committee (with Steering Committee duties for two years). I was a member of the District Grading Policy Committee. I have been a district mentor several times, have been a long-standing member on our school's SIP team, a coach, and a fellow coordinator of curriculum and instruction for Streamwood's Academy.

Outside the district, I am currently a Teaching Policy Fellow for the State of Illinois, as well as a member of many organizations that lead to unique opportunities for our students. Some of those organizations are, the Mikva Foundation, the Democracy School Network, Capitol Forum (IL Humanities Council)

All training and certification: National Board Certification (2007), M.Ed. Secondary Ed., Roosevelt U., M.Ed. Teaching and Learning with Principal's Endorsement, Concordia College. 12 AP Summer Seminars (US history, European history, Macroeconomics).

ETA positions held: Building Rep. for several years.

Statement of interest:

I believe the time is at hand for educators to take control of our own profession. I consider it an honor to represent my colleagues and this union in what I feel is a battle for the heart of this profession and for our rights as workers and educators. I look forward to reclaiming some of the lost ground in our classroom and practice as we try to wrest away the power to focus on what's really important (our students) and to lessen the impact of what's not (expensive tests).

Name: Lisa Burnell

Current Site: Horizon

Years of service in U-46: 10

Years in education: 10 (career changer)

All education positions you have held in your career: Elementary general education teacher (2/3, 3, 4, 5/6) at 4 different schools (Century Oaks, Horizon, McKinley, Timber Trails)

All training and certification: Elementary Education with ESL endorsement; MBA

All ETA participation: ETA rep for 7 of 10 years, current building head representative; 2-year term on Special Education Committee; headed U-46's Social Media committee to write Board guidelines for Social Media

Statement of interest: I have dedicated a significant portion of my professional life (both in and out of education) working for the "greater good." As a fervent ETA (and union) supporter, I bring that dedication to our bargaining team. I have significant experience negotiating product distribution contracts and have a deep understanding of the negotiation process. This background, coupled with my appreciation for the educational process, its challenges, and the unique needs of educators, give me a strong foundation to advocate and collaborate with our team for the best outcome.

Name: Donna Streit

Current Site: Eastview Middle School

Years of Service: 22

(8 Years at Larsen Middle School)

(10 Years at Elgin High School)

(Currently in my 4th year at EVMS)

Education Positions held in career: MS and HS PE Teacher

* Coached 8 years at LMS

* Head GBB Coach 3 yrs. at EHS

* Currently 7th grade Boys VB Coach at EVMS

Training and Certification:

*Bachelor's Degree

*Master's Degree

ETA Participation:

* ETA Rep--10 years, Head Rep--EHS

* Section Director--1 year

* SD Committee--10 years, SD Chair--2 years

*TMP--1 year

* PAR Panel--1 year

*Health Ins. Committee--2 years

* Appendix F Committee Chair (last Contract)

*MS PE Curriculum writing team

Why: I believe, we have an opportunity to have a voice in the educational process for our students in U-46, all of them, and I want to be a part of that process. My wide variety of experiences in different buildings, on different committees at both the building and district level have expanded my awareness and the need for strong, empowered and capable teachers! We have a seat at the table, a chance for our voices to be heard, stories to be told, it's up to us, the ETA, to utilize this moment and make it count! I cherish the opportunity to represent and do my best for all teachers!

Name: Audrey Leaver

Coleman Elementary

Years of service:

18 years in U-46 (1 at Lords Park and 17 at Coleman)

Education positions:

- sixth grade for 15
- 1 year split between kindergarten and interventionist
- the last 2 years in a fifth grade/ sixth grade split.

Training and Certification:

- Bachelors from Illinois State University
- Masters of Education from Saint Xavier University

ETA participation:

- building rep
- head building rep
- 7 years a section director
- Rep for the PD committee
- Serving on the Steering Committee for PD
- Building Committee Rep
- SIP rep
- Compensation Committee
- Bargaining Team
- Special Education Committee
- Report Card Committee (2000- 2001)

Why I would like to serve on the team:

I have served in many capacities within our district and union. I had the opportunity to serve on our last bargaining team. I have been able to see some of our ideas come to be what we had hoped and others that still need some work. In serving as a section director for the last seven years, I believe I understand the voice of many of our teachers. I understand the problems we are facing. I am also a parent in district. Being in that position, I am reminded daily that the work we do directly affects our students and their families.

Name: Richard Johnson

Current Site: President of the ETA

Years of service in U-46: 16 years

Education positions held: I taught cross cat special education and collab math for 1 year at Elgin High School. The rest of my years of service were at Bartlett High school. I taught Spanish, Sociology, Psychology, US History, Civics, and Law. I have taught students from grades 9-12. I have also coached basketball at both the High school and middle school level. For the last 10 years I have been the sponsor of the Bartlett Mock trial team.

Training and Certifications: I have a Bachelor's degree from Roosevelt University in Chicago. I also have Master's degree from Olivet Nazarene University. I also have a Juris Doctorate from John Marshall Law School in Chicago.

ETA Participation:

Building rep (3 years)

School Department member (2 years)

SIP Rep (3 years)

Curriculum writing team (4 times)

Statement of interest: I have spent my whole life in school district U-46. First as a student and now for the last 16 years as a teacher. I understand the struggles of teachers at all levels, the near impossibility of the job, and the resources needed for the education of our students. We are at a crossroads in education, we have a challenging time ahead of us. We need people that are informed, and are willing to fight for what is right. I am an introspective person, but I am also a vocal person that is willing to do what is best for our membership. I want to make sure that we continue to fight for a partnership that will always do what is best for students and teachers.

