



“...if we rise together and act to get schools what they need—and we can do it right now.”

--National Education Association President Lily Eskelsen Garcia, 5/15/2020

I believe in this message so much that before it was even uttered by our union’s national leadership, I had written **RISE** on a piece of paper and taped it to my wall as the foundation of what I intend to be my first term as your Arlington Education Association President. I am Leslie Stockton and it is time for us all to **RISE TOGETHER!**

From the first day of my membership over 17 years ago to my current leadership position as your Vice President, I have made sure that our union **RISEs** in its power and influence at the local, regional, and national level. I have served as a Building Rep at Kenmore Middle School for over 13 years, been elected to and served as a representative to the annual VEA and NEA Representative Assemblies, been nominated to and elected to serve as the Chair for the past two years of the NOVA Council UniServ Unit, and been nominated to and selected to serve by our current VEA President for a three-year term as a Fitz Turner Commissioner for Human and Civil Rights. Over the years, I have been selected to serve on several advisory councils to the Superintendents of Arlington Public Schools, including representing employee concerns during our annual budget process and work sessions, and I am a current, long-standing member of the Collaborative Professional Strategies Team (CPST).

In each role, I have made sure to keep the needs of all our members at heart. Our union is a powerful, respected organization that has grown to be a wall-to-wall unit which represents all employee scales in the Arlington Public Schools. I plan to continue that tradition of supporting and engaging **ALL** members as I also empower our organization to **RISE TOGETHER**. We cannot do the work of our members and grow in our power and influence without you. I need your support to ensure we remain **THE UNION** that serves our APS family into the future. I hope I can count on your help and your vote.

**REPRESENTATION ~~~ INTEGRITY ~~~ SOLIDARITY ~~~ EMPOWERMENT
TOGETHER...WE WILL WIN!**