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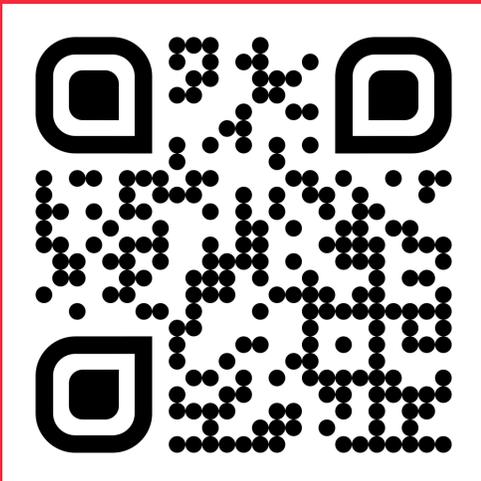
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NEA DIRECTOR PLACE 3

WHY I'M RUNNING

FOCUS ON POLICY

TSTA and NEA are at a critical point. Educators believe in strong unions to protect learning and working conditions in the classroom, but our union must do more to ensure policy at every level is putting students and educators first. As your NEA Director, I bring the experience needed to represent TSTA on the NEA Board, and while speaking to members of Congress, to ensure our union advocates for legislation that lets you focus on your students. We must lead in writing policy that school boards, legislators, and administrators turn to for a better future for our public schools.

COLLECTIVE ACTION

We need meaningful improvement and strong protection right now. I have experience bringing educators with diverse backgrounds and politics to the same table to demand public schools that work for all of us. I can help ensure our union is prepared to meet the needs of the next generation of education employees. Together we can obtain policy our schools deserve, and make sure law makers and school boards give us more than lip service.

RACIAL & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Who we are matters. Now, more than ever, our students and our schools need a union that will fight to end the institutionalized racism and bigotry that continues to plague our society. Together, we must become change makers and take bold positions to create a positive, lasting future for ALL of our students.

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Greetings Fellow #TeamTSTA delegates,

I'm excited to ask you to vote for me for NEA Director from Texas, Place 3. I teach 5th-grade English Language Arts and Social Studies in Amarillo Independent School District. I grew up in Amarillo, in the heart of Republican America, and learned early on how to navigate a conservative political landscape with my very progressive values. Folks usually agree on doing best by kids, and I've been able to build real union power in a GOP town by showing the value of collective action to do what's best for our schools. We even used that power to help re-elect education-friendly Republicans in the Texas House and Senate, who were challenged in the 2018 primary by public school dismantlers.

We didn't always have that power in Amarillo, though. When I joined the union we were struggling. I'm fortunate to have experienced leadership opportunities and training that helped me build a fast growing local with power to impact school board policy. We've even tackled racial equity issues in one of the last parts of Texas you'd expect. I ask that you vote for me so I can be the voice of locals across Texas that understand the most lasting power structure begins from the bottom up.

In solidarity,

Aaron H. Phillips



EXPERIENCE

LOCAL & REGION

- AEA Campus Leader/AR
- AEA Member Advocacy Team
- AEA Local President
- Region 12 President
- Region 12 Vice President
- 2019 NAACP Teacher of the Year

STATE

- TSTA Board of Directors
- TSTA PAC Executive Committee
- TSTA Social Justice Taskforce
- TSTA HoD Delegate
- TSTA Emerging Leader Academy
- TSTA Compliance Committee

NATIONAL

- NEA RA Delegate
- NEA Resolutions Committee
- NEA Leadership Summit
- NEA Race Equity in the Assoc.
- NEA & Race Forward:
- Racial Justice Training