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It is my privilege to run for the position of Vice President of Secondary Schools within the Herricks' Teachers' Association. During the past year, I have actively served in this position, which includes involvement at the local and State Legislative levels. Several meetings take place with local and state lawmakers, in which we voice our concerns for our students' educational needs, as well as asking for support from the legislators, who represent this district. Part of this role includes visiting with lawmakers in Albany, where several members continue to seek broad support for education K-16. Political action and fighting for our needs, as well as the needs of others, in neighboring districts, or in various parts of the state is crucial aspect of this position.

My tenure at Herricks begin in 2000 as a World Language Teacher at the middle school. The year I joined Herricks, was the year foreign language had been introduced in sixth grade at the middle school. My colleagues and I developed the curriculum and program successfully, eventually expanding our program to the art classroom. Currently, I teach upper level Spanish at high school. My tenure has included working in both the middle and secondary buildings, and knowing the many concerns of each.

During my time at Herricks, I have been involved in several extracurricular activities and committees in both the middle and high school buildings, including several overnight trips, overseas trips to Spain and Italy, site based, and club advisors. I have served on professional organizations as well, included as Secretary of the National Network of Early Language Learners for four consecutive years. Out of school, I served on my co-op board for nine consecutive years, the last six of which I held the role of president for the corporation.

I look forward to having the opportunity to work and serve our members in the capacity as Vice President of Secondary Schools on the Governing Board. It will truly be my pleasure to assistant and represent all our members.