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It is a privilege to run for the position of Vice President of Secondary Schools within the Herricks' Teachers' Association, as well as NYSUT and AFT Delegate . My tenure at Herricks began in 2000 as a World Language Teacher in the middle school. The year I joined Herricks, was the year language program was introduced in sixth grade at the middle school. My colleagues and I developed the curriculum and program successfully, eventually expanding our program within the art classroom. Currently, I have been teaching full time at the high school. This change has given me a nice perspective of both buildings and the needs of our students at various grade levels. I continue to develop curricula at the high school, as students in the immersion program have now reached the upper language levels.

As Secondary VP, my role includes attending several State-wide and ED 19 level meetings with Legislators, Senators and Congress people at the local and state levels. Such meetings are imperative to continue public school funding in our district and community. Part of this role allows for these conversations to allow our leaders access to understand what our students require for meaningful educational experiences. I also participate annually at The Committee of 100, which is a statewide event for educators to meet, discuss and promote our educational needs in Albany. Finally, I serve on the NYSUT LGBTQ Committee, as well as the World Language Committee.

During my time at Herricks, I have been involved in several extra curricular activities and committees in both the middle and high school buildings, including several overnight trips, overseas trips to Spain and Italy, site based, club advisors and most recently a union rep in the high school. 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 have served on my co-op board for nine consecutive years, the last six of which I held the role of president for the corporation, which included several major renovations to the building and resolving many difficult budgetary issues.

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

Best,

Scott Wilkolaski
Herricks High School