

Members of the HTA,

My name is Richard Peck, and I am submitting my name for the opportunity to again serve the HTA as Executive Vice President.

I am completing my 27<sup>th</sup> year in the Herricks Mathematics Department, having taught at both Middle School and the High School. I have served as Executive Vice President since Sept 2013, as a building rep for the High School for six years, as a member of the Professional Negotiations Committee for all five of our HTA units, and as the Nominations Chairperson for the H.T.A. for the Executive Board elections for eight years.

Serving as HTA Executive Vice President has been a challenging and rewarding experience. This office has afforded me the opportunities to:

- learn about the culture and concerns specific to each building in Herricks,
- be able to represent the members of the HTA on critical issues,
- be able to help preserve the integrity of our five contracts, and
- represent the HTA at Election District #19 meetings and the NYSUT Representative Assembly

I strongly believe that the ability to listen is integral to success in representing the concerns and needs of others. Only by gaining a clear understanding of a situation is there hope to work collaboratively to reach a fair and equitable resolution.

In these difficult times in education, it is of the utmost importance that all units of the HTA continue to stand together.

Standing and acting together, we can overcome the challenges we face working in public education.

I strongly believe that it is the HTA members' professional integrity that makes a Herricks education a source of great pride. I believe in what we accomplish together and that is why I would like the privilege to again serve you as Executive Vice President of the HTA in 2024-2025.

Thank you for your consideration.

Richard Peck