

I, Scott Wilkolaski, am running for re-election as the Herricks Teachers' Association Secondary Vice-President position. I am also running to continue to work as a delegate to NYSUT, NEA, and AFT. I have had the honor of holding this Executive Board position for the past nine years, and I hope to have the opportunity to continue representing the secondary-level members of the HTA as their VP.

My tenure at Herricks started 24 years ago as a sixth grade Spanish and Italian teacher in the middle school. After fourteen years there, I moved to the high school. While the two buildings' members face their own sets of challenges, our common goal still remains the same: We want and need to remain a strong union.

As this extensive list demonstrates, I am well qualified to earn your vote so I can continue my work to maintain our strong union.

- I have participated in multiple NYSUT-sponsored training sessions, conferences, and leadership seminars that have taught me how to effectively perform in the Secondary VP role.
- I have served on the last two Professional Negotiation Committees (PNC), helping to provide our members with fair and strong contracts.
- One of my jobs is to lobby for public education. I have met with elected members from both major political parties, and I attend local and regional conferences to discuss current impacts of legislation within our district, Long Island, and New York State. Over the last nine years, I have had the opportunity to network with local officials as well as other NYSUT members, discussing impacts on each district statewide.
- I am a member of the "Committee of 100," which lobbies for pro-public education initiatives, meets annually with our State representatives in Albany, and advocates for Vote Cope, a non-partisan advocacy to support workers' rights across New York State,
- I participate in workshops and conferences presented by NYSUT Member Benefits and share the information I learn with secondary HTA members.
- I have served on three three-year appointments to the NYSUT World Language Committee.
- I also serve on the NYSUT LGBTQIA Committee, meeting several times per year.
- I represent HTA on the Herricks' Teacher Center Policy Board.

Union work is not the only aspect in my life. I enjoy traveling whenever possible and have offered trips for students to Europe for the past 13 years. I'm an avid cook who enjoys several types of cuisine, and I like to attend theater productions as often as I can.

I truly appreciate your support as I have represented you as the Secondary Vice-President, and I look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,

Scott Wilkolaski