

Dear Members of the HTA,

My name is Samantha laboni and I am writing to express my interest in the role of Secretary/Treasurer position of the HTA Executive Council. The Secretary/Treasurer position requires integrity, organization, accuracy and commitment. These qualities are essential, and I believe that I exemplify these qualities daily.

I joined the Herricks community in June 2023. In my three years in the HTA, I have spoken to many of my fellow members in my role as the Herricks Health Benefits Administrator. In this role, I give guidance and help employees navigate the complexities of their benefits. I take the responsibility of my job very seriously and maintain integrity and discretion when working with employees on sensitive topics. I go above and beyond for the district employees because I feel that it is right to ease the process for someone who may be experiencing a medical hardship, or change in their family.

The role has been held by Karen McLean, who I have worked closely with in my role as a health benefits administrator for Herricks. I have seen her dedication to our union and the thoroughness of her work, and I hope to continue in her footsteps as I learn the role. This 25-26 school year, I have also been working behind the scenes building out HTA's social media. Prior to my time at Herricks, I sat on two contract negotiations committees. This year I also attended the NYSUT SRP dinner/workshop along with the 2026 Long Island NYSUT SRP Conference. With my past experience, if given the opportunity to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer, I will lead with honor, respect, discretion, and integrity working for our members and their best interest.