

# FRESNO TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

MAY 2018 Campus Connect: *Special Election Issue*

**Office: FTA DIRECTOR AT LARGE (1 seat) Term Ending June 30, 2019**



**KATHY MCDONELL #1**

Since I first started teaching in Fresno Unified, there have been many changes. We have had five superintendents. There have been five FTA presidents and officers, directors, and executive board members. Administrations have had vastly different priorities and processes. We have had struggles to overcome and successes to celebrate.

Something that has never changed is my commitment to improving the lives and working/ learning conditions of our members, the students, families, and community we serve. For nineteen of the twenty years I have been in Fresno Unified, I have served FTA members each year. I have been a site rep at three sites and have served on the Executive Board for two terms. I have served as a representative to the CTA State Council, and the NEA Representative Assembly. I have served on numerous committees to improve conditions in our district. I currently serve as a site rep for Scandinavian Middle School and as a member of the joint committee to ensure the safety of our campuses.

Regardless of the position, I have remained dedicated to our members and our profession. I have worked with each and every administration, but have never run on a slate with any, believing that it is far more important to keep my focus on what is best for our members.

I would appreciate your vote and promise to continue to serve you to the best of my ability.

Thank you.



**DEBORAH SCHMIDT #2**

It has been said "LEADERSHIP IS THE CAPACITY TO TRANSLATE VISION INTO REALITY". With over 21+ years of teaching experience for FUSD, 15+ years as a FTA representative, and a current FTA bargaining team member, I'm keenly aware the role a strong, well organized union can play. Through my participation in the bargaining process, I have gained a greater appreciation for the common concerns and diversity of needs among the FUSD teaching community. Furthermore, attendance of FTA workshops, CTA trainings and NEA/RA's on local, state and national levels, it has given me further insight and expertise to effectively serve you as Director at Large Executive Board Member.

While FTA has made significant gains in membership, organization, and effectiveness, I feel I have both the dedication and experience to positively contribute to FTA's continuing progress towards a stronger union which benefits both our students and our community.

I appreciate your VOTE supporting me as Director at Large on the FTA Executive Board!

## IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

Electronic voting and paper voting @ FTA office opens at 9:00 am on Monday, May 7, 2018, and closes on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at 5:00 pm.

Note: Each candidate's statement is limited to 250 words and candidate names will appear on the ballot in the order of the official 2018 CTA alphabet:

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