



FRESNO TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

May 2022 Campus Connect: *Special Election Issue*
 Voting will take place May 17, 2022 through May 24, 2022.



OFFICE: FTA DIRECTOR AT LARGE

Term of Office: 2022-2023



KEATON SIMAS #1

Empathy, vigor, patience, advocate, rational, clever, efficient, and hard working. As the next FTA Director-at-Large I will stand strong with you. I will serve with integrity, consider ALL opinions and facts, and bring us together as one voice. I have had 8 years of experience as a RN working most of my career in Pediatric Critical Care and Trauma. I understand and I am well experienced with interpersonal skills in difficult situations. While working at Valley Children's I was responsible for making important whole organizational change. I solely conducted research in regard to face mask quality. Prior to COVID, I identified that the standard mask provided throughout the organization was not adequate to protect staff and those that visited. Once presented, systematic change occurred, and many individuals were appropriately protected. Bottom line, I will fight for those I represent and bring facts to support the cause. I offer a fresh and sound voice of representation. Your vote is your voice, use it, vote Keaton Simas.



DAVID HUNTER #2

Hello fellow educators. As a site representative for the last five years, I'm excited to have this opportunity for the director-at-large vacancy. I bring a wide variety of experiences to this position. I have been teaching for 17 years, the last nine years at a designated school site. I've had 100 plus hours of arts integration training and am actively involved with the district's R.E.A.L Arts Collaborative. Most of my teaching has been in second and third grade, but my strongest passion comes in the form of early childhood as a graduate from the Early Childhood Education program at Fresno State. I have been teaching transitional kindergarten for the last four years and absolutely love it. There are many changes coming to the early childhood space over the next four years as we prepare for the expansion of transitional kindergarten to all four-year-olds. I've been active with state level advisory groups to promote those changes. At this moment I feel called to lend my experience and skills to the executive board not only in the areas I mentioned but also as a strong voice for all teachers in Fresno Unified to continue moving forward with the positive gains that we have seen over the last few years.



MICHAEL DUNLOP #3

My name is Michael Dunlop. I am currently serving as the site representative for the itinerant elementary music teachers in our Visual and Performing Arts Department. I have been teaching twenty years across five school districts in California, and I plan to retire from Fresno Unified when it's time to do so. I have taught music classes from 2nd to 12th grade. My daughter attends Figarden Elementary and my wife is a fellow music teacher in the district, so FUSD is kind of like our family business. My current teaching assignment is at Centennial, Pyle, and Viking Elementary Schools where I teach 2nd through 6th grade music. I have never been part of a union quite like FTA in my career, and I'm proud to be a part of this organization. I truly value and appreciate the work FTA does to advocate for its membership. I am running for the Director at Large position because I want to be a voice for the arts and electives on the FTA Executive Board since their voices can get drowned out and leave them feeling unheard. Along with that, I will do everything I can to help continue and support the great work this organization does and is planning to do in the future. I am a tireless advocate for our elementary music teachers, the arts, and every Fresno Unified teacher. I hope I will have both your support and vote during the upcoming election (May 17-24). Thank you.



GAIL TOROIAN #4

Hi. My name is Gail Toroian. I have been a School Nurse with the District for 23 years. I have had the pleasure to work with many of you both in Elementary and Secondary Schools. Through these experiences I believe that I have an understanding of the needs, problems and potential concerns of not only Nurse/Teachers, but Hi. My name is Gail Toroian. I have been a School Nurse with the District for 23 years. I have had the pleasure to work with many of you both in Elementary and Secondary Schools. Through these experiences I believe that I have an understanding of the needs, problems and potential concerns of not only Nurse/Teachers, but all members of FTA. My priorities have always focused on meeting the needs of our students and staff that provide services for them. Staffing related to regular and special needs students along with adequate health care needs of our members, especially in these post pandemic time still needs to remain the priority of the District. I am very interested, challenged and committed to help FTA, you its members, work collaboratively with Fresno Unified to grow, be healthy and succeed in our students educational and personal goals.

IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

Electronic voting **opens at 9:00 am on May 17, 2022 and closes on May 24, 2022 at 5:00 pm.**

If you do not receive an email with the voting information please send your correct personal email to Janette@fresnoteachers.org.

You may also vote via paper ballot in the office between 1:30-4:30 pm. Please make sure to cast your vote.

*The order of candidates is according to the ballot and following CTA guidelines. W N S H Z X R C A K D Y E B V T J Q I M U O F L P G