

Candidate for WEAC Secretary-Treasurer:

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In today's climate, our union needs to build many bridges between the different groups we have within our union: the urbans and regions; the big locals and the small; the eastern and western sides of the state.

We must also build bridges from our union to other groups. We must work with labor groups and business groups; we must work with civic groups and more to build relationships based on mutual support and a common interest: making our state, and high-quality education in particular, strong and accessible to every person. We must build bridges from our past and present into our future. As we look ahead, we must make sure that we include every person with an interest in the welfare of our students, our teachers, public education, and our union.

We must be the driving force that changes the narrative and the direction of public education in our state. We can do this when we harness our collective voice; when we work together, not in isolated pockets; when we listen to those who may disagree with us and include them, but also when we support those who strengthen us. I can help build those bridges and drive that narrative.