

2024 OEA NEA At-Large Submitted Candidate Campaign Statements

Jovita Wade, Fairborn E.A., WOE-1

I am humbled and proud to say, I am a member of the National Education Association, Ohio Education Association, Western Ohio Education Association and Fairborn Education Association! For the past two years I have worked with some of our most caring, amazing leaders, members and families who have guided me by expecting me to be brave and reach for what I think could be impossibly unreachable. Ohio New Educators has challenged me to be the best person I can be, be authentic in my truth, teach others to feel safe, lean into being uncomfortable, listen to what others need and make sure I am practicing self-care and boundaries. While pushing the limits of my comfortability that helps move me into positions at school, at home and in my community of learners that I know I would be able to be without their intentional asks. This is only one of the many benefits of being a member of this organization. Being able to lift my voice for the benefit of those in my education community is crucial for my colleagues and aspiring educators and along with my professional and personal growth. This, too, is a benefit of being a dedicated member these Associations.

I know that there are many groups of individuals that would love to take away our ways and means of protecting our families, educators and future generations, but on the National level of the Education Association, we have the opportunity to protect more than just our states, districts and locals, we protect a nation of learners. I know that the NEA-RA is the format to ensure we voice our concerns for our nation of educators and students, and I would love to humbly be a part of the movement to continue to choose the best policies for our students and educators for years to come.

Tosha Johnson, Trotwood Madison E.A., WOE-3

Greetings Champions for Children,

My name is Tosha Johnson, and I am the HS Educator Rising CTE teacher at Trotwood-Madison High School where I create opportunities for students interested in any field of education. I am asking for your support and favorable vote for the position of State at Large Delegate for the 2024 NEA RA.

I am a longtime active member of my local, TMEA, and have held many leadership positions such as: vice president (certified), negotiations chair, parliamentarian, building representative, grievance chair. I have also served on the grievance and negotiations teams. Currently, I am a member of the Code of Conduct Committee.

As an WOE-3 member I currently serve on the convention planning committee. Some of my contributions for OEA have included: past delegate and OEA FUND FOR CHILDREN AND PUBLIC EDUCATION award winner at the Executive Club, Presidential Club, and Lifetime Achievement levels.

I was a past delegate for NEA and currently serve as one of Ohio's NEA Leader for Just schools along with recently being selected to receive funding from OEA to participate in NEA's upcoming MLT/WLT Leadership Training Seminars to Advance Racial and Social Justice.

Working with and advocating for students and teachers is my occuPASSION. Being a delegate at the national level will afford me the opportunity and access to be your eyes, ears, and most importantly your voice. I will use the knowledge gained and take advantage of the resources to communicate our needs and help bridge the gaps between the local and national levels by being an active representative for all the smaller locals, in our area, who have concerns that may differ from larger locals.

I have been an active member of the Union for 20+ years, and I am ready to take on new challenges as an advocate at the national level in order to lead the fight to eliminate the gaps between the "haves" and the "have nots" and promote racial and social justice.

Thank you in advance for your support and favorable vote for Tosha Johnson for your State at Large Delegate for the 2024 NEA RA.



Yours in education

Ebony Fleetwood, Trotwood Madison E.A., WOE-3

Hello fellow members of OEA, my name is Ebony Fleetwood and I am running for OEA state at-large delegate for the 2024 NEA Regional Assembly. I have a passion for all things related to the betterment of not only our entire community but especially for our ESP members. As a proud ESP member, myself, I know the importance of having a voice and being able to use that voice to make change. I have made it my mission to use my voice in any way that I can and attending the NEA RA is one of those ways that I can advocate for all of us in this education community. If chosen to represent this great state of Ohio, I promise to not only make our voices heard, but to listen to those voices in other states and make alliances and gain knowledge that can be brought back and used for the betterment of us all. Please vote for Ebony Fleetwood as OEA state as-large delegate for the 2024 NEA Regional Assembly.