

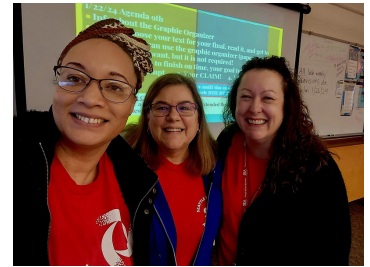


# TIME FOR UNITY

## VOTE APRIL 1 - 16

### Swanya Powell

### SEA Para Vice President



#### A leader you can trust



I'm running for SEA Paraprofessional Vice President because I have the knowledge and experience needed to build our power to advocate for what we need with the district and at the state. I am ready to lead educators in a direction that ensures our voices are heard and valued.

I currently work as a Special Education Instructional Assistant at Franklin High School and have worked in SPS for 12 years. Working closely with and listening to my colleagues across the district, I have learned what students and educators need to be successful. We need to fully fund public education - which includes special education - so we can adequately staff schools to promote more inclusion. We also need to recognize that paraprofessionals and office professionals are often the first point of contact for students and families. We must provide classified staff with a professional wage! We deserve to be compensated so that we can best support students.

If elected, I will commit to strengthening our union and working with all members. I would be honored to have your vote!

#### Experience and Service

- 12 years working in SPS; 15years working in Special Education pathways (focus, resource, and distinct)
- Member of the SEA Bylaws Committee 2023-current
- Para Professional Board 2023-current
- Building Rep (Franklin Highschool) 2023-current
- Parent of SPS student
- Franklin Girls Track Team Coach 7 years

#### TIME FOR UNITY PLATFORM

- **Fully Funding Public Education**
- **Continuing Our Union's Work to Address Systemic Racism and Other Inequities**
- **Professional Wages for Classified Staff**
- **Reasonable and Sustainable Workload**
- **Safe Workplaces**
- **Meeting the Mental, Social and Emotional Needs of Students (in addition to Academics)**

Uplifting what our membership deserves to thrive so we in turn can meet the needs of students is most important to us.

#### Congratulations to the following members of the **Time for Unity** slate who are already elected!

- Girard Montejo-Thompson, *SEA Vice President Elect*
- Elizabeth Ward Robertson, *SEA Center for Racial and Social Justice Director*
- Otis Golden III, *SEA Paraprofessional President*
- Davina Diaz, *SEA Treasurer*
- Tammy Watson, *SEA Office Professional President*

**Help get out the vote for Heather Barker, running for SEA President, to complete the slate!**



Learn more about the slate here: [www.facebook.com/Time4Unity/](https://www.facebook.com/Time4Unity/)