

# ETA Leadership Election



The election of ETA officers and board members will take place in buildings Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, April. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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This year the ETA election committee decided to create a “quick hitter” for members. Candidates for the upcoming election were given the option to submit a candidate statement and photo. Those who took part in writing their optional statements can be found in this document, along with the list of candidates names for each elected position.



# ETA Leadership Candidates 2021

## PRESIDENT

Amy L. Price (Thompkins)

Lori A. Young (Reitz)

## 1st VICE PRESIDENT

Julie Eaden (Evans)

## 2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Joe Elliott (Stockwell)

Tamara Labhart (Psychological Services)

## SECRETARY

Jeanine Minor (SICTC)

Sadia Ragland (Reitz)

## TREASURER

Eric Eades (Bosse)

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Makaila Blackburn (Highland)

Brooke Congleton Wheeler (New Tech Institute)

Nick Coronato (Plaza Park)

Olivia Crowe (EPCC)

Michelle Funk-Niemeier (North HS)

Eric Hormuth (North HS)

Megan Howell (Harwood Career Prep HS)

Jake Hughes (Harrison)

Lisa Koester (Psychological Services)

Robert "RC" Lehman (Central)

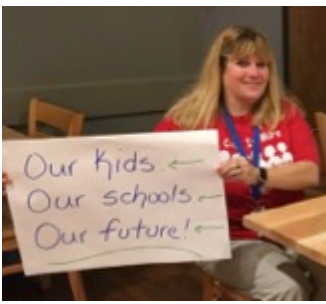
Leah MacDonald (Central)

Shelby Phelps (Central)

Trish Toelle (Perry Heights)

Emily Trulove (West Terrace)





## Amy Price:

Why Amy Price is Right for ETA President

### Professional

EVSC ELA/Science Curriculum writing teams  
ETA Scholarship Chairperson  
EVSC School Board Selection Committee,  
Read Across America Opportunity Grant recipient  
ETA/EVSC Discussion Team  
Outstanding Educator Finalist  
B.S. Elem Ed UE w/ Reading Minor /M.S. Elem Ed USI  
Achieve Presenter at NextGen Technology conference

### Responsible

ETA Finance Committee  
Budget Review team making sure your dues dollars are being allocated in your best interest  
Monthly attendance of BR and Board meetings and all ISTA Legislative Updates  
Teacher Locker Board and Bags of Joy Filler

### Invested

Lifelong member of the community being born and raised in Evansville, IN  
A graduate of EVSC and UE and USI  
Taught in EVSC 31 years  
One son graduated New Tech and one son currently attends Central HS

### Candid

Direct up-front communication with EVSC administration  
Advocating for members has always been a passion and priority of mine  
Transparency and collaboration with accountability  
Advocated at EVSC School Board Meetings

### Experienced-

Local-4 years ETA VP, 10 years Board of Directors, 6 years ETA BR  
State-22 years ISTA RA delegate, 6 years ISTA Governance, 2 years ISTA Advocate Editorial Board, ISTA RAA VP Classroom Reader Recipient  
National -16 years NEA Delegate, NEA Women and Minorities in Leadership Conference, NEA Summit Conference attendee

So "Come on Down" and Vote for Amy Price for ETA President. I promise to "Showcase" ETA as the professional and active association that it is!



## **Lori Young:**

Lori Young for ETA President

It is time educators get the respect they deserve. We can no longer be disrespected as professionals and disregarded as decision-makers. We must unite and use our collective voice to advocate for what we know is right. As your president, I will stand with you in our collective power knowing that even in these challenging and uncertain times, there's nothing we can't do together!

As your president, I will follow a 3-part plan to empower our members to unite and stand for what is right.

### Engage

- New Educator Engagement using 5 Key Field Strategies
- Follow 5-Year Membership Plan
- Continue Membership Organizer Program
- Professional Development Opportunities geared for new educators

### Empower

- Increase support for educators
- Train building reps on offering 10-minute meetings
- Expand leadership opportunities
- Empower building reps to hold active discussion with building administrators

### Advocate

- Continue attending school board meetings to LiveTweet findings
- Fight for racial and social justice
- Rally members on educational issues
- Bargain for teacher rights and salary

I know how beneficial our teacher union can be when everyone is aware of the matters and understands the significance of our union. As a 28-year career educator and union member, I have worked tirelessly for my students and my colleagues. I ask for your support and your vote. Working together we will forge a positive path for our students, public education, and our members.

Please feel free to check out my campaign website by visiting <http://loriyougetapres.weebly.com>.



## **Julie Eaden:**

Hello,

I am Julie Eaden. I teach Music at Evans Elementary. The majority of my education was in EVSC schools. I am a graduate of Central High School.

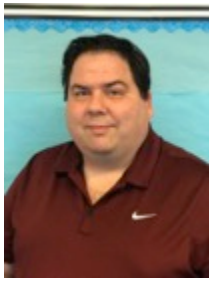
Teachers have been asked to teach and do more each year while being provided with less resources or funding public schools and teachers deserve.

As your First Vice President I will continue our work with members to be more empowered. I will advocate with and for you at the local and state level for increased and equitable funding for our schools and teachers.

I am a proud member of the ETA, ISTA, and NEA!

Thank you for your support and vote.

We are the ETA!



## **Joe Elliott:**

Evansville Teachers Association Vice President 2

My name is Joe Elliott and I am running for Evansville Teachers Association Vice President 2. I have been a member of my local professional association (Evansville Teachers Association and Madison Teachers Association), Indiana State Teachers Association, and National Education Association for 24 years. I have always felt it is important to be an active member of one's professional organization. Throughout the years I have participated in various positions and on committees that serve teacher members and promote public education.

Your vote for ETA Vice President 2 would allow me to continue to serve in the association representing the Evansville teachers and their needs.

### Experience:

24 years—member of local, state, and national organizations (5—ETA)

4 years—ETA Board of Directors – Member and Public Outreach Committee

7 years—ISTA Representative Assembly (3—ETA)

6 years—District Council (1—ETA)

Vice President, President, and Building Representative

1 year—Evansville Teacher's Locker Board Member and Volunteer



## **Tamara Labhart:**

Introducing Tamara Labhart  
Running for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

This year has been an unusual year full of challenges for all teachers and I wish to take just a brief moment to salute all of hard work, dedication to children, and perseverance that EVSC teachers have provided this school year. I have been a participant in many different RA meetings with ETA since 1994. For 26 or so years my work has been for the individual child and how this child interfaces with our educational community. Equity of practice including inclusion of students with disabilities across the school environment has been a topic of great conversation and work within the schools. I also enjoy working with children and then seeing them blossom and eventually graduate within a situation where it was almost “against all odds”. As your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, I will look forward to being the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of ETA as the Board raises issue with old and new policies and practice, bargaining, engages in teacher/administrative conversations about future goals and practices, develops engaging supports and related activities for our members, and provides a strong voice for our members.

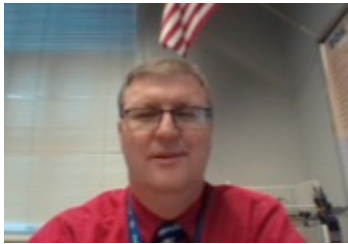




## **Sadia Ragland:**

Born in Evansville by a single mother who was PTA President at Lincoln Elementary, I learned early on how important school to community connection is. Then attending Plaza for a dance program, being out of my district I rode the city bus every day. This forced independence, self-responsibility, leadership, and the opportunity to see a side of town that was much different than my own. Experiencing two contrasting school cultures and seeing firsthand differences and similarities in both helped me understand as an adult issues and concerns each school within our district may face.

Those early learned leadership and dance experiences paid off as I went on represent the Indianapolis Colts as a cheerleader. I have seen and worked with all walks of life. I pride myself on my chameleon-like characteristics, adapting into unsimilar environments and comfortably talking with people from extremely diverse backgrounds. As I complete my 8<sup>th</sup> year of teaching Art at Reitz I ask to use those learned qualities to represent you as ETA Secretary. I know the daily hard work demanded to do what we love, and feel I am able to share your story, OUR story, with those in power in a way they understand. I've served as ETA Secretary for the past 2 years and am comfortable with the expectations and requirements, as well as working closely with the EVSC Administration. It is also my second year of being chosen as Indiana Representative for the NEA Leaders of Color Pathways Project. Sadia for Secretary!



## **Eric Eades:**

I am Eric Eades, and I am running for my second elected term as Treasurer of the Evansville Teachers Association. I began serving in January 2019 when the previous Treasurer resigned from the position. I finished the year and ran for the next two-year term, not realizing what amazing challenges we would face as educators and association members in the spring of 2020 and beyond. However, I am proud and honored to be an officer in the Evansville Teachers Association. I relish the responsibility of assuring the fiscal responsibility of the organization and being a voice for the membership. I appreciate the trust our members have put in me, and I have every intention of living up to that trust in the coming years. I have been a building representative, board member, and bargaining team member several times. I appreciate your support in the upcoming election.



## **Jake Hughes:**

My name is Jake Hughes and I am running for election to the Board of Directors of the Evansville Teachers' Association. I have taught at Harrison High School for five years and have been the association representative for three of those years. I participated in the Red for Ed march in Indianapolis. I have also helped at the 4-H fair ETA booth and with new teacher orientation by the EVSC for new membership. My purpose in running for a seat on the Board of Directors is to help ensure that the association is heading in the direction pursuant to that of its members' ideas and I would greatly appreciate your vote.



## **Lisa Koester:**

Lisa M. Koester, Ed. S., NCSP  
School Psychologist  
Harrison, McGary, North Jr. & Sr.  
Candidate for ETA Board of Directors

Advocating for teachers has been a priority during my teaching career. It began at North Posey, serving as Treasurer, President, and District Council member in a small setting, to serving on ISTA Special Education Ctg. (now a part of Issues and Concerns Ctg.). I have served ETA as a Board member and as a delegate to the ISTA & NEA Representative Assemblies. I am a member of Indiana's Issues and Concerns Committee, and the NEA Caucus for Educators of Exceptional Children and attend bi-monthly Zoom meetings with educators across the nation. I've taken on the Early Career Educators Learning Lab for ETA, late this school year, which will be expanded next school year to support the early career teachers. Continuing on the ETA Board will provide me with the opportunity to keep in touch with the variety of needs of teachers across the corporation and work on their behalf to insure their rights are protected and their voices are heard across Indiana and the nation.



## **Trish Toelle:**

Hi, my name is Trish Toelle and I am running for ETA Board of Directors. I've been a teacher for 30 years and have had the privilege of working at Helfrich Park, Washington, Lincoln, West Terrace, and Perry Heights. I am concerned with the attitude towards public education and lack of funding for teachers and staff. I'm not afraid to speak up and will be an asset if elected. I am also on Teacher Voice, so I have channels for hearing teacher concerns and would make sure all teachers are heard. I'd appreciate your vote!