

Gloria Martinez

for UTLA Elementary Vice-President



It has been my great pleasure to serve as your Elementary Vice President. Over the last three years we have done amazing things together and I hope to continue the work we started. I have had the honor of working with some of you on very specific issues like co-locations, fighting back against the over-reach of administrators and most recently getting us much needed language on inclusion. Of course nothing will beat being on the strike picket lines with many of you or representing you at the bargaining table during our historic strike.

We have more to do around contract enforcement and I look forward to continue fighting the district on over-testing and protecting our instructional time. And after 38 years of not being addressed, I look forward to continuing to win contract language that values our special education educators and students. As an NBCT I understand the need for more educator input in our professional development needs and am proud of the increase of newly established Local School Leadership Councils across the city.

Our schools are getting stronger because of your organizing and fight back which is why we need a strong team to continue leading our Union in the right direction. Union Power is the team able to take on the corporate privatizers and help you win on issues that matter at your school. Our Union is stronger than it has ever been, we have done this through organizing and mobilizing. Our contract wins are centered on our needs as professionals as well of those of the students we serve, but there is more to gain and we will not relent. I am very proud of our work so far and look forward to the challenges that lay ahead of us.

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