Unity & Strength

MARIA MIRANDA FOR ELEMENTARY VP

I have served as South Area Chair for the past 6 years while being a classroom teacher and most recently a Community School Coordinator. I know first-had what an organized school site and UTLA area can accomplish. My organizing expertise will make me a strong Elementary VP.





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President: Cecily Myart-Cruz

NEA VP: Georgia Flowers Lee

AFT VP: Julie Van Winkle

Elementary VP: Maria Miranda

Secondary VP: Rosa Jimenez

Secretary: Jennifer McAfee

Treasurer: Denisha Jordan

Unity & Strength is a team of experienced educators. We are committed to building power at school sites, advocating for public education, fighting for racial and social justice, and promoting educator support and wellbeing (including livable wages, increased benefits, and curriculum autonomy). The fight to make our schools better places for educators, students, and community will take ALL OF US. That is why we are asking you to vote for the ENTIRE Unity & Strength team in February.





ROSA JIMENEZ for Secondary VP

WHY DENISHA AND ROSA?

Denisha and Rosa are running against familiar faces. A lot has changed at our schools since the last officer team was elected. The pandemic changed day-to-day life at our schools, and Denisha and Rosa contribute hard-won experience that is crucial to our new UTLA leadership team. They have first-hand recent school site experience. Denisha and Rosa are long-time UTLA activists and teacher-leaders within Reclaim Our Schools LA. They led their schools and areas through the darkest days of the pandemic. Denisha has been a Steering Committee member and is involved in HOR, PACE and affiliate work. Rosa has led on the development of Community Schools in LAUSD and is the North Area Chair. Both of them will be ready to lead on Day One, and they understand the importance of working together as a team. UTLA needs an officer team that will work collaboratively and support one another, and Denisha and Rosa are the leaders we need.