

My name is Shelly Ehrke and I'm running for the Middle School Delegate seat on our SMMCTA Executive Board. I have taught at Lincoln Middle School for 18 years and prior to that, 6 years at the elementary level. Within SMMCTA, I have served as a Site Representative, the Engagement Committee Chair, the Political Action Committee Chair, and as a Middle School Executive Board Delegate while also stepping into to temporarily fill the vacated Vice President position when it was needed. Additionally, I am serving my first term as an elected delegate to the CTA State Council and as a part of CTA's Financing Public Education Committee. For the past three years, I have also been a state delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly. My union work and study has revolved largely around building strength through member engagement and organizing while gaining a deeper understanding of policy development to advocate for strong, equitable public education for all. I hope to use what I've learned from these connections and experiences to better serve my SMMCTA colleagues and work with SMMCTA leadership to continue strengthening our association. I hope to earn your vote. Thank you for your consideration.