

LAURA BARRETT FOR VP

A Caring Communicator With The Right Skills To Serve Our Members

Hello, fellow occasional teachers! Over the past couple of years, I've ramped up my union involvement, currently serving as your Secretary, and I'd love your support to go even further and serve you as Vice President. The job of VP would make use of my multifaceted skill set, helping me to advocate for you as you navigate our busy and sometimes thankless work environment.

Being a VP requires:

- **Care** - Each of you deserves a voice, whether you're dealing with an individual school or the Board as a whole. I'm here for you, and I will go to bat for you in these difficult conversations.
- **Communication** - Across all of my jobs, whether inside or outside the teaching field, I have needed to be an effective communicator. If elected, I'm especially interested in making our website even more responsive to members' needs, and analyzing member survey data with a high level of precision.
- **Coordination** - I've had the honour of coordinating large groups of educators, catering staff, and festival volunteers. These high-level organizational skills will serve me well when planning Local events and workshops.

Selected CV

- 15+ years of teaching/instructor/trainer experience
- Receptionist, administrative assistant, web developer
- Equity and Social Justice Committee Executive Liaison
- ETFO AM delegate, Collective Bargaining Committee



My Vision for Our Local

I'd like our Local to be appreciated for the crucial work we do to support the functioning of the TDSB. We can and must flex our collective muscle to mobilize for fair and safe working conditions. We need to demand paid sick days, not just in light of the pandemic but also in conjunction with larger fights for worker justice happening in Ontario and beyond.

I also want our Local to be responsive to the needs of its members (and our students) facing systemic oppression. Our working conditions are our students' learning conditions, and if our members are struggling, we won't be able to support our students and colleagues.

Many thanks for reading,

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