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# Renton School Board selects Pam Teal to fill vacant seat

## *Teal's involvement in schools, district, and community wins her the job*

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RENTON, WA—The Renton School District's board of directors appointed Pam Teal tonight to fill a seat left vacant by Marcie Maxwell who in November was elected to the state's House of Representatives.

Teal will serve out Maxwell's four-year term as director for District No. 5—which encompasses the northern section of the school district. She will run an election campaign in Nov. to remain in the position. Teal was chosen from three candidates and will be sworn into office at the Feb. 11 board meeting.

Teal has volunteered in the district in various capacities for more than 12 years. She has two children—Michael and Nicholas—who have attended Renton schools. Michael graduated last year from Hazen High School; Nick is in his junior year at Hazen.

Teal says she applied for the position to be a larger part of the district's successes.

"Over the years, I have grown from a 'cookies and punch parent' to an individual who participates and understands the larger picture," said Teal. "I've been increasingly involved in the collaborative effort between governing agencies, businesses, administrators, staff, parents, and our communities, which is vital to the success of all of our students."

Teal is chair of the Renton Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee, legislative representative for the Renton PTSA Council, and serves on boards for Communities in Schools Renton and the Renton Community Foundation. She has also served two years as president of the Renton PTSA Council, on the district's Boundary Review committee, and has been a prominent member of the Citizens for Renton Schools organization working to pass school funding elections for teacher pay, technology, school building construction and more.

"The Renton School District has great students, teachers and staff, and fabulous supportive communities," said Teal. "I am extremely excited and honored to serve on the Renton School Board to continue the focus on high student achievement."



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