

## Testimonials from LEE Member Elected Leaders



*"I'm glad there are people who think classroom experience might just be valuable in a decision-making role in my community. Former teachers aren't the richest, most well-connected people on the planet, but the expertise and unqualified support from LEE can make the difference between getting a chance to serve and not."*

- Lanier Echols, IPS School Board District 5



*"The advice and encouragement I received from the team at Leadership for Educational Equity supported my campaign in tremendous ways. LEE's support helped me deliver my message to thousands of voters through online media, door hangers and direct mail pieces. Decisions that are informed by a teacher's perspective matter and I am excited that LEE is dedicated to making sure the voice of our teachers is represented in politics."*

- Paymon Zarghami, San Jose USD, Area 4



*"For every child who is getting left behind in our education system, I'm so glad there's a group of former teachers who care enough to run for public office to lift our schools up, and I'm glad they are getting pro advice and support on how to succeed."*

- Mark Johnson, Board of Education At-Large,  
Winston/Salem/Forsyth County Schools



*"In an era when corporations and the very powerful have outsized influence in our politics, I think it's great that a group exists that supports former schoolteachers running for office. Our children deserve to be top priority in decisions about public policy. Whether you're a Republican, Democrat, or Vegetarian, pro-this or anti-that, candidates simply have to have shown they put kids first in their career to get help from LEE."*

- Reggie Bolding, State Legislator, Arizona