

## **Top Three from the PFT Rep Council May 2025**

### **1. PFT Executive Board & Rep Elections**

- The PFT Rep Council approved electronic balloting. The election took place May 5 & 6.
- The Nominations and Elections Committee Chair, Susan Joyner, and the other committee members, Patrick Keough & Crystal Ochoa, have tallied the ballots and certified the election.
- The following individuals were elected for the next two-year term:
- Michelle Derksen, Treasurer
- Julie Garcia, Secretary
- Stephanie Martin, VP Elementary
- Greg Strachan, VP Middle School
- Tore Blichtfeld, VP High School
- Nicole Stowell, VP Special Education

### **1. Last Layoff Notices & Employee Rights**

- PFT was successful in reaching agreement with the district to cancel the layoff hearings and rescind the layoff notices of two unit members. Through the union's preparation work for the hearings and bargaining, PFT discovered discrepancies with their seniority dates. PFT views this as a great victory as it demonstrates the union upholding the legal rights of its members and the union protecting bargaining unit positions from being eliminated!

### **1. May 6 School Board Meeting Update**

- Layoffs have been rescinded for Office Assistants at secondary and for Student Support Assistants.
- The District is continuing to look for budget solutions by examining non-personnel contracts.
- The May Revision comes out next week from the Governor, which impacts school funding for next year.
  - State revenue is looking good but there are many potential threats to school funding: Cuts to Medicare may limit availability of funding for schools, federal funding for schools may be at risk, COLA continues to trend downward, meaning local school districts may get fewer dollars to manage annual cost increases such as step and column and health and welfare.