



## **BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATES 2017-2018**

### **Vice President**

#### **Josh Mathiasmeier**

Josh Mathiasmeier, RD, is the Director of Nutritional Services for Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools, USD 500. He has been with Kansas City for 3 years. Kansas City serves over 32,000 meals a day during the school year and over 75,000 meals during the summer. Prior to KCK, he worked as a Registered Dietitian and Project Director at the Kansas State Department of Education on the Child Nutrition and Wellness team. Josh has been a member of SNA for 5 years and enjoys the collaboration and professional development that his SNA membership brings.

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### **Secretary**

#### **Jeannine Flory**

Greetings to everyone. I am Jeannine Flory. I am a cook for Jefferson County North Schools at the Elementary/Middle School in Nortonville, KS. This is my 27th year working for JCN. We are a small rural school located in Nortonville and Winchester. We have about 450 to 500 students. We serve lunch, breakfast and after school snacks. I have belonged to SNA-KS and SNA for over 20 years. I have served as secretary, vice-president, and president in our local chapter. I have also served as Northeast Area Representative and Northeast Area Representative Assistant in SNA-KS. I enjoy working with the State team. Even after all these years, I am still learning new things. When I am not working, I enjoy baking, walking, and reading.

### **Employee/ Manager Rep**

#### **Melinda Thomas**

My name is Melinda Thomas and I am your current SNA-KS employee/manager representative. I have been a SNA / SNA-KS member since 2001 and a member of Shaw-wa chapter #2 holding the offices of president and vice-president several times. This is my 20th year with the Auburn-Washburn school district #437 with the last 11 years as a kitchen manager.

As the manager, I planned and brought in extra activities for the students to help teach about nutrition. The Southwest mobile dairy classroom, Body Venture and family fun nights are some of the activities we had.

School food service has been a huge part of my life along with my family. I have a husband of 28 years and 2 sons ages 25 & 27. We've done a lot of volunteering over the years with 4-H. I was also on the Shawnee Co. K-State research & extension board, and still volunteer for the Auburn Community Fair and I'm on the Auburn Fair Assoc. board.

As a volunteer, I look forward to being your voice as your SNA-KS Employee /Manager representative.

### **Amber Workman**

I have been a member of School Nutrition Association since it was called American School Food Service Association 07/01/2003! I love my job! Kids first! I am the Food Service Manager at Meadows Elementary school Pre-K-5th grade!

## **South Central Area Representative**

### **Jennifer Tatro**

Jennifer Tatro, RD, LD is the Director of Nutrition Services for Hutchinson Public Schools. She has been with Hutchinson for 7 years. Prior to working in child nutrition, Jennifer was a Registered Dietitian for a long-term care facility. Jennifer is currently working on her Masters degree in Dietetics from Kansas State University with expected graduation date of May 2017. Jennifer believes in lifetime learning and enjoys taking professional development classes and networking with peers. This past year Jennifer volunteered on the SNA-KS Fall Conference planning committee.

## **NE Area Representative**

### **Karen Dengel**

Karen Dengel is Manager with Olathe Public Schools. She has been with the school district for 16 years, and served as a manager for the last 13. She has been a member of the School Nutrition Association for 12 years and has served on her Chapter board for 9 years in a variety of positions, including president. Karen has served on SNA-KS committees and was appointed as NE Area Rep position last year to fill the vacated position. She enjoys working with SNA members and wants to continue with this important work.