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NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT ELECT

My name is Laura Tanis, I am running for President Elect for MAPT.

I have been employed with Kentwood Public Schools since 1996. First as a bus driver for 15-years, in which I held many positions within the local and county union association. In 2010, I became the Transportation Supervisor. I would have to say that when I started as a bus driver, I did not see my path in life as being in the transportation field *nor* would I ever imagine that we would live and work through a worldwide pandemic. I would say that the journey for me has been one that I have come to embrace and I could not see my journey any other way.

I've been a member of MAPT for 10-years and have served on the Executive Board for 6-years. Being a member of an association that gives us so many opportunities to learn from each other is an amazing experience. When I came into my position as Supervisor I could not imagine that networking with my peers would be the most important way for me to learn my job. I would love to have the opportunity to help the new incoming transportation staff do the same.

The most important thing that I remind my bus drivers is that they are the key to our education systems. Our bus drivers are the first to greet our students in the morning and last to interact with them in the evenings. They are the ones that "Capture Kids Hearts" For our parents, it's a peace of mind to know that their child is safe.

The challenges that we all work with everyday are just hills and curves in the road ahead. We come in everyday to drive that road to see where it will lead us. I would love to have your support for President Elect to continue my journey but also to help others with theirs.

Vote for me Laura Tanis for President Elect of MAPT..