



My name is Luis Fisher, and I am currently the Director of Bands and Music Department Chair at Gateway High School. I have been a teacher in Lee County since 2019 but my career began in Arizona at Mission Heights Preparatory High School in 2011. I am honored to serve you as a member of the TALC Bargaining Team since 2021 and Lead Site Representative at Gateway High School since 2023. I have worked at Gateway since the doors opened in August 2020, serving as the first Director of Bands. Outside of my teacher role, I have served as a representative of TALC at the State Delegate Assembly in 2022. I have also been an active member of the Florida Bandmasters Association and Florida Music Educators Association since 2019. While I was an educator in

Arizona from 2011 to 2019, I was active in the Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Association, Arizona Choral Educators Association, and the Arizona Music Educators Association. Furthermore, I was selected to be an adjudicator for the Arizona Marching Band Association and Winter Guard Arizona.

During my time as a music educator, I have started music programs at two schools and rebuilt music programs at three schools where those programs were about to be discontinued. I have also led one marching band program to a second-place finish at their state championships, one indoor color guard ensemble to a silver medal finish in their division, and one indoor percussion ensemble to a bronze medal finish in their division. During my career I have had the honor of receiving two Music Educator Grammy nominations, one district Teacher of the Year nomination, and three Golden Apple Teacher Award nominations resulting in one selection as a Teacher of Distinction (2021) and then a recipient of the award in 2023.

I hold degrees from the University of Maryland (AA General Studies), Okaloosa-Walton Community College (AAS Industrial Management), the Community College of the Air Force (AAS Aircraft Maintenance Systems Technology, AAS Air & Space Operations), the University of North Alabama (BSM Instrumental Music), and Trevecca Nazarene University (MAT Secondary Education). Lastly, I served in the United States Air Force from 1994 to 2005 reaching the rank of Staff Sergeant. My service occurred during numerous hostile conflicts to include Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.

I am currently a student at Liberty University pursuing a Doctor of Music Education degree. My area of interest will be increasing the access to music programs at all schools, regardless of the size of the district or its socioeconomical status. Additionally, I am currently in year two of a

three-year term on the Board of Directors for the Dubuque, IA based Colts Youth Organization, the parent organization to the Colts and Colt Cadets Drum & Bugle Corps. I am happily single living with my awesome dog, Winston, in Lehigh Acres. I am also the proud father of five adults and grandfather to four girls and one boy.

I am thrilled to run for one of the TALC Delegate Assembly positions for the upcoming Delegate Assembly. I identify with the principles of Servant Leadership and see this opportunity as a chance to serve my fellow union members throughout the Island Coast FEA Chapter and give back in recognition of the invaluable opportunities I have been granted as a union member within the Florida Education Association. Further, I am eager to serve as a member of the TALC Bargaining Team to fight for what we deserve as professionals in the only profession that creates all others. My experiences as a Professional Learning Community and School Advisory Council facilitator, department chairperson, fraternity president, district representative, and club sponsor have given me insight and knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order, event planning, philanthropy, and representing others by ensuring that all voices are heard to the greatest extent possible. I am a compassionate, empathetic listener and supporter – and a strong administrator who is highly organized and can manage multiple priorities with integrity and dedication. It will be an absolute honor to represent the Teachers Association of Lee County and the State of Florida at the 2024 NEA Delegate Assembly.