

*Makenzi Hurtado*

*Brothers and Sisters,*

*I am excited for the opportunity to run for Secretary of the Union. I have been teaching for 12 years and have been a teacher at Prince Tech for five years. I have been the Building Union Representative for a year. This role has given me the opportunity to advocate for the members in my building and become more involved with the Union at a district level. I believe in fighting for teachers' rights and am not afraid to speak up to anyone.*

*I believe that it is imperative that we begin to diversify our Executive Committee. We need representation from people of color and more women. This year I was honored to join other teachers of color in the district to present our perspectives and demands to the Superintendent. I would continue this work as Secretary. As a 36 year old woman, I anticipate teaching in our system for about 30 more years. I have a vested interest in maintaining and building on the strength of our union.*

*We are at a crucial time in our country when teachers and unions are both attacked on a regular basis. I believe that in order for public education to thrive, teachers must feel safe, secure, and confident in their professions. I promise to fight for our rights and the respect that we deserve.*

*If you vote for me, I would be honored to serve you as the first Executive Committee Member from Prince Tech!*

*Thank you,*

*Makenzi Hurtado*