## Rebeka McIntosh

## Missouri NEA Vice President

Rebeka McIntosh, vice president of the Missouri National Education Association beginning Aug. 1, 2019, is a proud public-school teacher. She began her career as a Parent Educator and taught elementary school for 25 years in the Grandview School District. She has taught kindergarten through fifth grades and most recently specialized in elementary alternative programming for at-risk students.

As MNEA vice president, McIntosh works full time for the 33,000-member state affiliate of the National Education Association, attending state board of education and Missouri Advisory Council of Certification for Educators meetings, chairing MNEA's Budget Committee, working with the Future Educators Association, and serving as advisor to the MNEA Bylaws Committee.

McIntosh served as a local president and as a member of both the Missouri NEA and NEA Board of Directors. She has led and worked on many advocacy and social justice teams for NEA and MNEA: Trauma Informed Schools, Professional Learning Communities, and LGBTQ+ issues. She also served as the chairperson of the Kansas City Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board.

"I believe that our public schools should meet the unique needs of every student and support each student's social, creative, and academic growth," says McIntosh, who is passionate about Missouri NEA's capacity to make a difference for members and students and MNEA's work for the respect and support our public schools deserve.

McIntosh is a graduate of Transylvania University, graduating magna cum laude in elementary education and later earning her master's degree in early childhood education.