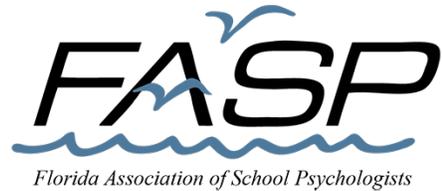


# 2026-2027 Elections



## Region 7 Representative Nominee

### **Joan Kappus**

My interest in school psychology began when I first met Cecil Reynolds, who later became my mentor at Texas A&M University (TAMU). Before entering the doctoral program in school psychology at TAMU, I earned a master's degree in clinical psychology from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas.

I became a school psychologist and a member of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) 41 years ago. Early in my career, I worked in several school districts in Central Texas before relocating to Miami. In January 2006, I joined Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), where I have continued my professional work.

After arriving in Florida, I joined the Florida Association of School Psychologists (FASP) and have served on its Executive Board since 2010. During that time, I have held several leadership roles, including South Regional Representative, Treasurer, and Continuing Education Coordinator. I have also served as chair of the Mental Health and Crisis Committee and Special Interest Groups. In addition, I currently serve as president of the Dade Association of School Psychologists (DASP) and have been a member of its Executive Board since 2008. My involvement in both state and local professional organizations has helped me remain informed about important issues affecting school psychology.

I volunteer because I believe it is an effective way to advocate for and strengthen our profession. If selected as South Regional Representative, I will work to support our members, improve communication across the region, increase membership, promote advocacy, and expand regional professional development opportunities.