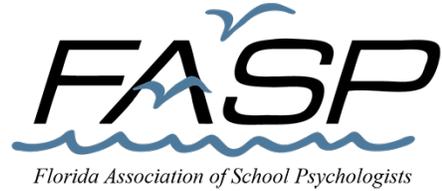


# 2026-2027 Elections



## Region 5 Representative Nominee

### Krista Nelson

I am currently a School Psychologist with Sarasota County Schools, where I have served since 2006, most recently as School Psychologist Department Chair from 2018 through January 2026. In this role, I provided leadership and support to a team of approximately 30 school psychologists, facilitated department-wide professional development, consulted on complex cases, and collaborated with test publishers to support training aligned with best practices. In addition to my district role, I operate a private practice focused on gifted and psychoeducational assessment.

My professional experience spans over two decades and includes prior service with Charlotte County Schools. I have extensive experience in psychoeducational evaluation, crisis response, threat assessment, counseling, consultation, and behavioral assessment, and recently served as lead author on a \$500,000 district opioid grant. I am particularly passionate about supporting children impacted by addiction, parental incarceration, and foster care, as well as gifted student needs and the use of artificial intelligence to enhance school psychology service delivery.

I actively pursue ongoing professional learning, with recent training in fetal alcohol syndrome, trauma-informed practices, the Well Being Promotion Program, Solution-Focused Brief Counseling, threat assessment, autism assessment, and school-based mental health.

If elected, my goals are to increase regional participation and strengthen professional advocacy and legislative engagement. I also hope to implement a FASP MATCH system for future interns - already developed and ready for pilot implementation - to help call day operate more smoothly while reducing stress for districts, training programs, and interns.