

Dear Norwell Friends and Neighbors,

I am running for a seat on the Norwell School Committee to represent all voices. With 25 years of teaching experience, I am uniquely qualified to identify opportunities for improvement, while evaluating where to prioritize limited resources, and create an environment where all students can succeed.

My husband Sean and I chose the town of Norwell in 2005 to raise our family based on the school system's reputation for excellence. We have two children, Seamus and Norah both in Norwell Middle School. Sean and I have worked extremely hard to remain in this town to provide our children a 21st century school system and I will advocate for all of our children and you the community to provide that.

This past year as a Special Education teacher of children in kindergarten and first grade, I have seen the pandemic's effects on children in the school setting and at home. We must set clear goals as a district as we transition back to normalcy. I believe my teaching experience will be beneficial to provide input on areas where resources and tools are most needed for all children.

Norwell has a great school system but I believe we can do better. I have the skills and experience to recognize where we can improve. One of my top priorities will be advocating for full day, tuition- free kindergarten, which is long overdue.

Communication and transparency are critical to establishing trust. The community needs to know the School Committee is working for them. I will advocate for meetings to continue via Zoom. I will establish a supportive communication line between the administration, and you the community, to review educational goals and school policies to make certain the needs of all students are met. My door is always open and communication will be two-way.

I am a parent first and foremost, and want what you want: A school system that is accountable, transparent, and collaborative. I am approachable, honest, and most of all passionate about education. I will work tirelessly to improve the Norwell Schools for all. I ask you to invest in our children and community and vote for experience and a balancing voice on May 15th.

Thank you for your time and consideration
Erin Reardon