

## Candidate's Information

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Seeking office of School Committee

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## Experience:

Cole School PTO President (5 years) and former  
Enrichment Coordinator (2years)  
Past President of New Nursery School Board of  
Directors  
Secretary of Norwell Youth Soccer Board of Directors  
Norwell Youth Soccer coach  
NHS Athletic Director Selection Committee

General Manager of 100K square foot health and  
wellness facility with 300+ employees, 7000 members  
and \$25M in revenues  
Past President of NEHRSA, the local trade organization  
for health and wellness industry  
B.A. in Psychology, Pre-Med, College of the Holy Cross  
M.S. in Exercise Physiology, Northeastern University

## Major issues confronting our town today:

As a candidate running for School Committee, I believe the most significant issue facing the school system is determining any and all deficiencies that the past year of the pandemic may have caused. As the schools finally experience some degree of "normalcy" with the full in-person return to school, they can start to determine any learning gaps. That being said, as the school budget is one of the primary roles of School Committee, it is essential that the School Committee supports and advocates for the necessary resources.

## I am running for School Committee because:

I am the product of a public school education and firmly believe in the same for our four children who attend Cole School, NMS and NHS. Having been an extremely involved parent in all schools and a very active and engaged member of the Norwell community for the past decade, I have worked collaboratively with Norwell families, fellow PTO presidents, teachers, staff, administration and School Committee. I have gained a greater understanding of the inner workings of our schools and can provide much insight into the strengths and challenges. According to MA state law and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), the three responsibilities of a School Committee are to review and approve the school budget, hire and evaluate the Superintendent, and establish school policies and goals consistent with MA laws and DESE. My professional experiences have instilled in me a leadership and management skill set that includes budgeting, financial analysis, capital planning, human resources, sales and marketing, customer service and facilities management, all of which align to the School Committee's responsibilities.

Since the role of School Committee is not to teach our children, nor develop academic curriculum, I bring a valuable and unique skill set that will diversify the current School Committee, which already relies on the education experience of two teacher members. I believe that the next School Committee member should be a business and community-minded individual who can help guide our school system to the next level and further educational excellence in Norwell. I provide a multifaceted viewpoint as a leader, businesswoman, invested community member and most importantly, a parent. I want to simultaneously be a voice for all Norwell families while also representing the Cole district, which has gone without representation on School Committee for several years. I have always listened carefully, spoken respectfully, acted with integrity and tackled tough issues head on. I will continue to do so and I respectfully ask for your vote on May 15<sup>th</sup>.