

BOARD OF EDUCATION



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Democratic Party

Biographical Statement

I am currently the Chair of the Board of Education. In this role, I have led the school district through several successful budget cycles, initiated a study to optimize school facilities, oversaw the hiring of a new superintendent and continue to navigate the district through pandemic related challenges. I have a PhD in Chemical Engineering from Columbia University and was a scientist at AT&T Bell Laboratories before embarking on a 25-year career in finance. I also serve on the board of Norwalk/Stamford Grassroots Tennis and Education.

In your opinion, what is the most significant issue facing Weston today?

The most significant issue facing Weston today is the state of our town and school facilities and our basic town infrastructure which have been neglected for years. The key to the future economic viability of the town starts with providing the community with state of the art infrastructure, facilities and amenities that will attract young families and business owners to Weston.

Why are you running for this specific office and what do you bring to it?

Weston is a town rooted in education, delivering world class education and providing programs from early childhood to our senior citizens. I am passionate about the town's future as an attractive destination for families looking to create lifetime roots by ensuring that our schools remain the crown jewel of the community. If re-elected, I will continue to bring my experience as a business leader a scientist and current board chair to this position.

What is the most important issue this board/commission faces and how would you potentially address it?

There are several issues facing the schools that will require attention by the board; (1) planning for the upgrade of our school facilities, (2) addressing the curricula and social emotional issues facing our students during the post-COVID re-entry to a more normal schooling environment and (3) ensuring that our educational outcomes are consistent with our goal of remaining one of the top school districts in the state. This requires ongoing partnership with my fellow board members, the administration, town leaders and the community at large to ensure that we are meeting the needs of all our students both present and in the future.