

BOARD OF EDUCATION



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Republican Party

Biographical Statement

David currently serves on the Board of Education, chairs the Communication Committee, and was a member of the Facilities Optimization Committee which was tasked with analyzing current and anticipated utilization of Weston's school buildings. David is a disciplined problem-solver with the ability to consider elements of an issue that are not necessarily obvious. David seeks out opinions from both like-minded and dissimilar peers, and independently researches issues before taking a position.

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

There are several important issues the Board of Education currently faces. Community involvement, quantifiable academic outcomes, and school safety.

Community Involvement: We need to promote engagement between the BoE and the community through public comment and meeting attendance.

Quantifiable Academic Outcomes: Weston spends a lot of money educating our children and we need to be sure each dollar spent has a measurable positive outcome.

School Safety: We should support an "all of the above" school safety program. This includes mental health, hardening of school buildings, technology, and response time from crisis to intervention.

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

I am running for reelection because I am committed to Weston's exemplary education and would like the opportunity to continue to serve the community. As a current member of the Board of Education, I will utilize the institutional experience I have gained and the relationships I have formed with the administrators, educators, and other board members, to advocate for our students, families, and members of the Weston Community.

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

There are some known issues the Board of Education will have to address over the next four years. These include mandates (such as Pre-K programs) from Hartford, declining enrollment, school building utilization, providing our educators with tools to address educational outcomes, and operational expenses. In short, the biggest issue can be summed up as improving educational outcomes while keeping our spending in line with what the community can afford.

There will also be issues the Board of Education could not have anticipated. Being a problem solver, I'll be well prepared to address them.