

BOARD OF EDUCATION



Sharon Ferraro

Democratic Party

Biographical Statement

- Resident of Weston for 7+ years
- Parent to a blended family of six children with her husband Dana
- Worked in media for Yahoo! Where she retired as Global Director of Sales Development
- Graduate of Indiana University
- Former executive committee member of PTO's of WMS and WHS
- Volunteer and fundraising for a variety of local organizations
- Incumbent member of the Board of Education - two years

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

In my opinion, the most significant issue facing Weston today is that of the state of our school facilities. The school system is the crown jewel of our town and a key driver in attracting young families. Without a doubt, all of our property values are tied directly to the performance of our schools. While I am happy to say that our schools are repeatedly one of the top performing school districts in Connecticut, it is imperative that we maintain high quality school facilities to match the level of education that our children are receiving inside.

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

In order for a board to run effectively, it's imperative that a variety of perspectives are represented. Perspectives help to insure that the board is representative of all of the people of Weston. My husband and I have six children in our blended family. Four of our children are or will be Weston graduates. Two of our children attended private school as well as public school in our previous district in Westchester. Combined with my professional experience, the educational experiences of ALL of our children offers me a unique perspective to offer the board.

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

The greatest challenge facing the BOE today is continuing to meet the educational and facility needs of our school system in a fiscally responsible manner. This must be done in consideration of all of the town's residents. The BOE will soon be tasked with making a decision regarding our current facilities. My plan is to listen to our constituents to help gauge what the appetite is for making such a potentially large investment. I will work with the various professionals that the school system and town have hired to ensure that we choose the best possible plan moving forward.