

Christine More: Why I am running for the Ridgefield Board of Education



I am running for the Ridgefield Board of Education because I am a parent, and a teacher, and I believe both perspectives are vital for an effective Board of Ed. Nothing is more important than supporting our children, and after the unprecedented pandemic, they need us now more than ever. I recently retired from teaching in June 2021, after 26 years in the classroom in special education at the elementary level in the Tarrytown Public Schools in southern Westchester, NY. It was my privilege to serve in this role for 26 years, and running for a seat on my local BOE feels like a natural next step for me. I am confident that my many years of teaching will be a huge asset to this Board because I have first-hand experience working with children, as well as personally bringing policy and curriculum into the classroom. I believe very strongly that every Board of Education in this country should have (at least) one teacher as a member.

I have been actively engaged in Ridgefield Board of Education meetings for the past 4 years, attending them regularly, and often speaking at public comment to express my gratitude, perspective and/or suggestions. I have been so impressed with how collaborative this current Board of Education has been with each other, as well as with Dr. DaSilva and her admin team, as they support our students and teachers. It would be an honor to join this amazing team.

On a personal note, I am the mom of a 16-year-old son, who is currently a Junior at RHS, and who has been a student in the RPS since Kindergarten. I have experienced the instability of numerous Superintendents and administrators throughout his school experience before Dr.

DaSilva and her team came aboard shortly before Covid. This team has been a game changer for our district, and I believe it is crucial that our BOE continue to collaborate and support Dr. DaSilva, her admin team and of course, our amazing teachers and parents. By doing this, we support all our kids.

Some of my priorities as a Board member will be ensuring our policies and curriculum are addressing the academic learning loss, as well as the social/emotional struggles exacerbated by the unprecedented pandemic. Fostering a strong home/school partnership is essential for every student's success, and I will work tirelessly to partner with our parents to be their voice on the Board of Education. Supporting our teachers is another priority for me, as I am acutely aware of how many hats they wear daily. I've worn them! We want Ridgefield to continue to be a school of choice for employment.

I am confident for all these reasons that I will be an asset to the Ridgefield Board of Education, and I'm asking for your vote on November 7th.

Thank you,
Christine More