



Let's Keep Moving Forward

We live in an amazing town, and we have so much opportunity to cement an educational environment that has excellence as its benchmark. We have an administrative team that is exceptional and energized, dedicated staff that go above and beyond for our children, and students that amaze me every day. This is what inspires me and is the reason why I am running for re-election to the Marblehead School Committee. We are so close. I want to see us through and continue moving our district forward.

Thank you for electing me to serve as part of our School Committee these past three years. It has been an honor to serve in a role that impacts so many in this special town that WE call home.

I came to the School Committee following a career in finance and technology, where I built collaborative and diverse teams as well as delivered transformative change to large, financial organizations. I am so thankful for this professional experience as it helped develop the skills needed to build, collaborate, and drive change during my time on the School Committee.

When one of my children was born prematurely and required extensive, ongoing medical care, I left the corporate world to focus full time on her needs. Through this experience, I understand the power of community support and have served as co-chair of the Marblehead SEPAC and a member of the advisory council for the Massachusetts General Hospital for Children.

It goes without saying that 2020 and 2021 presented unique challenges for school districts everywhere, including in Marblehead, and that together we'll need to heal from the disruption of a global pandemic. As a member of Dr. Buckey's 2020-21 Reopening Advisory Committee and in my role as School Committee vice chair, I have been very close to the topic and have consistently advocated for the safe return of in-person learning. Additionally, I am pursuing my Masters of Social Work degree at Boston University and I am able to apply this training to the work of addressing the social-emotional needs of students, staff, and our collective community.

As a leader of the budget sub-committee, I collaborated with the interim and new superintendents as well as town officials to clean-up and stabilize our school budget. The strategic planning process ("Planning for Success", currently underway) will help us to identify priorities and action items needed to enact change. We will then be able to identify the level of funding needed to deliver excellent, cutting edge instruction and maintain our school infrastructure. My finance background positions me to bring best practices for budget

development and oversight and ensure that, going forward, the budget process remains streamlined and student focused.

During my first term on the School Committee, I was proud to play a significant role in leading Marblehead into a new era of transparency and accountability. Openness and thoughtful communication continues to be a major focus of the School Committee, the school administration and my campaign. This past term, I led development of the School Committee's first website -- www.MHDSchoolcommittee.com -- which improved access to meetings, meeting materials, meeting recordings, school committee process and more. I also pushed the committee to identify and enact a set of shared goals to ensure the community is aware of the group's main priorities.

I continue to promote sustainability efforts within all of our schools and am proud and excited that the Lucretia and Joseph Brown Elementary School will open as a LEED certified building.

I remain committed and look forward to continued collaboration with our district administrators and our new METCO director to ensure access and equity for historically marginalized staff, students, and families. My recent training in diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives will aid me in advancing policies that will benefit all of our students and the community at large. This will be crucial to ensuring that ALL youth receive the supports and services needed to reach their full academic and life potential.

More information on my first-term accomplishments and second-term hopes can be found at my campaign site: www.TaylorforMarblehead.com. In summary, my goals for the next three years includes:

- Designing and implementing a strategic plan that maps out the capital investments and instructional resources needed to ensure all Marblehead students succeed academically and graduate prepared to become successful adults.
- Using the strategic plan to advocate for funding that will ensure our school buildings and grounds are well maintained, technology and innovative learning materials are available, and new staff positions are strategically added.
- Effectively working with the Superintendent and his administrative team to meet our goals and further stabilize district leadership for the years to come.

As a district we have a great opportunity. The School Committee needs members that have a proven track record of delivering positive change, working collaboratively, and applying relevant professional and personal experience.

I have that track record. I have that experience. And I have the positive attitude to make it happen. It is an honor to serve Marblehead and I hope to earn your vote on June 22nd.

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