

Attention 6th Grade Parents: Get ready to vote for School Council!

On Thursday, September 10 at the Middle School Back to School night you'll be asked to vote for a representative for school council. Please take a moment now to review the brief biographical information provided by each of the candidates.

The Education Reform Act of 1993 established School Councils to increase collaboration among all school and community stakeholders to strengthen teaching and learning for all students. The parent/community representatives will meet regularly with the principal and selected teachers to formulate a plan for improving our school.

The candidates for 6th grade representative this year are:

Ruth Ann Cote

My name is Ruth Ann Cote and I would like to serve on the Hopkinton Middle School Council. My husband Dave and I have lived in Hopkinton for 16 years. We have children in grades 8, 6 and 3 in the Hopkinton Public School system. Over the years, I have enjoyed working in volunteer positions that focus on our children's education and development. Through my involvement with these organizations I have seen the positive impact volunteer community groups can have on Hopkinton.

During my 7 years on the Hopkinton Education Foundation board, I gained an appreciation for the dedication and enthusiasm that Hopkinton's teachers and administrators have for enriching the educational experience for our children. I witnessed the challenge educators have to maintain interesting and challenging programs for our children, particularly during tough economic times and with limited budgets.

With two of my three children in the Hopkinton Middle School this year, I feel it is a great place to focus my volunteer efforts. I would love the opportunity to serve on the Middle School Council to provide an informed parent's perspective to the growth and development of the Middle School's goals, curriculum and programs.

Some of my current and previous positions include:

- **Hopkinton Education Foundation: Board of Directors** 2000-2007; **President** 2005-2007. As part of the 35 person board, developed and implemented fundraising events to provide grants for the Hopkinton Public Schools.
- **Hopkinton Girl Scouts: Leader, Troop 3807** 2000-present
- **Center/Elmwood/Hopkins School:** Room Parent/Classroom volunteer
- **St. John the Evangelist Church: Religious Education Teacher** 2005-06 & 2008-09
- **Hopkinton Community Playground Trust: Public Relations Chairperson** 1999-2000
Raised funds for the construction of the Hopkinton Community Playground at EMC Park.
- **Reale/Fitzgerald Marketing Communications, Inc.** 1990-1998 Co-founder of full service agency specializing in high-technology and higher education marketing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Patty Doshier

I have 3 children in the Hopkinton Public Schools, 8th Grade, 6th Grade and 4th Grade. I have had the opportunity to work as the HPTA Co-president for the 2008/2009 school year, Hopkins Memory Book Coordinator and Center School VP. Each of these positions have given me insight into the schools, the students and the issues. Now I would like to focus my volunteer interest towards the Middle School to ensure we have the right tools, resources and plan to have a successful Middle School program.

Personally, I worked in the financial services industry as an operations manager. My family and I have traveled the country and lived in 3 states. My hobbies include skiing, gardening and hiking. As a family we spend time outdoors as much as possible.