

Middle School Council Candidate Bios

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 representatives to the Council will meet regularly with the principal, selected teachers, and a community member to formulate a plan for improving our school. This is a 2-year position.

The candidates for **Grade 6 Parent Representative** are: (two positions are open)

Maureen Belger:

My husband and I have lived in Hopkinton for 6 years and have three daughters – Brigid 6th grade, Deirdre 2nd grade and Erin 1st grade. Since living in Hopkinton, I have been on the board of the Hopkinton Ed Foundation. As a board member I have had several roles including chair of the Gala, Golf Ball Drop, working with corporate sponsors, liaison between teachers and the grant committee. I have also held various HPTA positions over the years. As a parishioner at St. John's I teach Religious Ed and am the coordinator of the Women's faith formation group. I am also a Girl Scout co-leader. I would like to be on School Council to get a better understanding of the school and to work with the school's administration, faculty and other parents to help achieve the school's improvement plan and outline some goals for the future.

Allison Murphy:

My name is Allison Murphy. I am a 9 year resident of Hopkinton and a proud mother of three boys in the Hopkinton Public School system. I am a pediatric nurse specialist and currently work in Diabetes Research. One of the main reasons my husband and I chose Hopkinton as the place to raise our children was the excellent school system. I am passionate about education and finding ways for improvement. There is no “rewind button” on our children’s education, we as parents, need to stay informed and educated in order to ensure their academic success. I am, and have been for six years, a very active volunteer in the Hopkinton School system. I have held several HPTA and HEF board positions, as well as participating in the formation of Educate Hopkinton. I truly believe that being involved, educated, and informed as parents is paramount to the success of our children’s educational development. I am a great communicator, active listener, and thoughtful advocate and believe deeply that staying informed and having a “voice at the table” is a critical success factor in the evolving needs of our children. I ask for your vote so I may continue my advocacy for all our children’s success in 6th grade.

Abbie Rosenberg:

My name is Abbie Rosenberg (Sisitsky). My husband and two children (Zachary, currently in 6th grade and Evan, currently in 5th grade), moved to Hopkinton almost 9 years ago from Framingham. We chose Hopkinton due to the excellent school systems and the appealing community.

I am a nurse practitioner in psychiatry as well as a psychologist. I have a background working with all forms of psychiatric illness, specializing in anxiety and depression. During my training I developed patient and family educational classes which I held for several years in many Massachusetts communities. Currently I have a part-time private practice out of my home in Hopkinton, serving adults with depression, anxiety, transitional issues, parenting issues and marital issues. I also work one day per week at Lesley University, where I work with students in need of mental health services as well as with graduate students.

Since moving to Hopkinton I have become an active member in the Hopkinton Running Club and in multiple HPTA roles. I also established and chair the Sharon Timlin Memorial Race and Family Fun Day which has been a successful fundraiser and community event in Hopkinton, raising money for ALS research.

I enjoy spending time in both of my children's classrooms and have been very impressed with the educational system thus far. I have been on the Elmwood, Hopkins and Middle School councils in the past and feel that I have served as a parent with a strong community voice in these roles. I hope to continue as an active member of the Middle School Council for the next two years and to contribute to continued growth and excellence in our schools.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in entrusting me to advocate for our children and to be a representative voice for all parents of middle school students.