

Dear Newtown Resident,

Four years ago my husband and I were searching for a community that was more centralized to our jobs and with an incredible school system for our three children. We had no problem choosing Newtown because of its reputation for having excellent schools and teachers. Emily, who will head off to college this fall, Jimmy, who is entering the eighth grade and Lexy, a fourth grader at Middle Gate all believe we made the right choice.

I have always felt that you should GIVE BACK to your community and so I began working in the area that I know best, EDUCATION. I am running for the Board of Education because I feel I will be an asset to the board and have the right vision for Newtown Schools. I look forward to representing you and continuing to work to make our schools a place where all children can and will learn well.

## COMMUNICATION

As a member of the Board of Education I would have open communication with taxpayers regarding how their money is being spent to promote quality education in Newtown.

## COLLABORATION

I will work with the Board of Selectmen, the Legislative Council, the Board of Finance and the Superintendent in order to ensure our taxpayer money is being used responsibly and for the betterment of Newtown's Educational system.

## COMMITMENT

As a member of the Board I would continue to show my commitment to bettering education in Newtown demonstrated by founding the Newtown Education Foundation, participating in strategic planning for our schools, PTA and more.

## QUALIFICATIONS

- FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF NEWTOWN EDUCATION FOUNDATION
- NEWTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA PRESIDENT
- STRATEGIC PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER – PERSONAL SUCCESS PLAN
- MIDDLE SCHOOL HISTORY TEACHER – 11 YEARS
- PAST PRESIDENT OF WOMEN INVOLVED IN NEWTOWN
- FUNDRAISING CHAIR FOR NEWTOWN YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEER

## MY VISION

- PLAN AND PRIORITIZE PROJECTS TO SAVE MONEY WHILE MAINTAINING OUR SCHOOLS
- IMPROVED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TOWN LEADERS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, ADMINSTRATORS AND THE COMMUNITY
- WORK TO ALIGN BOARD POLICIES TO IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN IDENTIFIED AREAS OF WEAKNESS.
- SUPPORT THE CONTINUATION OF THE WORK BEGUN BY THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEES.

# DEBBIE LEIDLEIN FOR NEWTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION



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