Linda Phillips for School Committee
A Different Voice – A Better Choice!

I WILL ADVOCATE FOR:
• The diversity of ideas that is presently lacking on the Committee.
• Addressing the needs of the 20-30% of our students performing below grade level on MCAS and Stanford 9s - before they get to the 10th grade.
• Addressing resolution of Special Needs students in a more timely way.
• Ending the purchase of expensive curriculum with deficiencies that require supplementing, teacher training, parental tutoring, and renewable workbooks.
• More equitable funding for band, drama and athletic programs.
• Correcting curriculum deficiencies that presently leave many students behind.
• Not diverting $310,000 for high school technology into non-essential, non reimbursable items like bleachers, press box, etc.
• Responsible school spending: The Barrows project has been reduced by 8,000 sq. ft., 1 classroom deleted, "community gym" downsized, while costs increased $1.5 million. Architects for the elementary projects over-billed the town $146,000 and went undetected until 1 uncovered over-billing errors and notified town officials. I questioned the necessity of awarding a $7,500 bonus to a departing superintendent.
• Stopping wasteful spending to preserve more for students and classroom needs.

For the last 4 years I have regularly attended School Committee meetings. I know about school issues; budgets, curriculum, special education, and school building projects. I have always advocated for academic excellence while ensuring every dollar is well spent.

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND
• A person of integrity, principles and ethics, approachable and willing to listen to other's opinions without bias.
• A voice for Reading citizens who have been intimidated into silence.
• Owner of Phillips Antiques & Auctioneering for over 22 years.
• I am a former communications specialist for Polaroid Corp. with expertise in administration, finance and communications.
• I am married and the mother of an elementary and middle school child.
• Twice elected Town Meeting Member

VOTE FOR LINDA PHILLIPS, SCHOOL COMMITTEE (1 YR. TERM)
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