

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 I 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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