

My name is Elizabeth Bridges (Grob), and I would be grateful to represent you on the North Salem Central School District Board of Education. I am a third-generation resident of North Salem; my family and I are deeply rooted in this town and community. I'm raising two children in the district, one at the Middle/High School and one at PQ. Currently, I am the Director of Member Communications and Marketing at a private country club in Westchester. I understand the importance of clear communication, transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility – Which are all attributes I believe I would bring to the board. My focus, if voted a trustee, would be to ensure all our children have the opportunity to receive the best possible education and that we foster a positive learning and work environment for all students, teachers, and staff.

My interest in the school board didn't start with this election but grew from a long-term commitment to staying in tune with the board and serving the community.

Over the years, I have volunteered on numerous committees within the PQ PTO, most recently serving as Co-President. In addition to attending the Board of Education regularly, I currently sit on the District's Mission and Safety Committees and sat on the District's Communications Committee during the 2019-2020 school year.

I have been following the actions and discussions of the board for years, and to maintain excellence in the district, the following areas I believe are crucial to its success:

Strong financial stewardship: State aid and state pension obligations will continue to be unpredictable, and the board will have to pay close attention to how federal aid trickles down through the state bureaucracy. I've appreciated seeing the school budget managed conservatively.

Continuous improvement in curriculum: Our district is fortunate to have dedicated teachers and administrators who are focused on the quality and continuity of the curriculum. Our school's leaders are the curriculum experts, but of course, families should always feel that their ideas and feedback are heard. Our

district has demonstrated a desire for continuous improvement.

Encouraging increased community engagement and input on important issues before the board: Board meetings have always been open to community members and students during public sessions, but I've observed that attendance has been sparse. I support all efforts to increase community engagement, whether through technology, improvements to communications, or adding a student representative to the board.