



Timothy W. Valenti – MSAD#51 Board of Directors

I grew up in Poland Spring, a community and lifestyle that inspired the upbringing I wanted for my children. My wife and I are incredibly grateful we chose North Yarmouth as the place to do just that. Since moving here four years ago we've made close friendships, had two more children, and renovated a home in which to set roots. Our children have experienced the beauty of the outdoors on our town trails, are on a first name basis with Toots' staff, and know where to find the dogs favorite treats at Ames Blue Seal. I'm fortunate to be able to work from home, where I'm continuing a career consulting with schools across the country to help them meet their strategic and operational goals.

Since graduating in 2011 with a Masters Degree from Columbia University in Psychology in Education, I have been working in the school improvement space. I've worked with hundreds of schools in some of the largest school districts in the country to help improve student outcomes and teacher practice by leveraging data and targeted strategic planning. During this time, I've helped build a school, coached school leaders, translated research into effective practice, and optimized school budgets. My work with these school systems and their leaders have given me a unique perspective that I hope to leverage in service of our Greely school district.

Why I'm running!

While my work often takes me all over the country, it's most important to me that I serve the community around me. Given my experience in education, I've known for some time that serving on the school board is where I want to pursue this purpose. Last year, I came within a handful of votes of being elected to a seat. From that experience, I took away incredible insights from our community and confidence that my values and purpose resonated with a high percentage of voters. I've also learned a lot from feedback given by those that didn't vote for me. This year I spent time engaging with our school community as co-chair of our equity committee and at our school board meetings to learn more about the issues we are currently confronted by and from those facing them. As we approach another election season I feel even more prepared to serve our town as we face challenges with space/enrollment, student safety, staff resources, and academic achievement.

Over the course of a term priorities may shift, but I will remain committed to actively listening and responding to concerns by leaning on the core lessons and values I've formed from my upbringing, professional experience, and parenthood. I will prioritize strong community and family engagement as I have witnessed how students flourish when they belong in a community and home that cares for them and engages in their learning. I'll promote teacher satisfaction and retention in order to sustain consistently high student achievement. I'll advocate for policies that promote both academic and behavioral skill development and differentiated learning supports that foster growth mindsets, a sense of belonging, and a safe learning environment for all students. I'll work to ensure a more holistic and transparent budget process that includes periodic line item audits, clear alignment to district priorities, and public engagement.

Given my experience, my love for this town, and my mission to improve the educational experience for my children and yours, I'm confident I'm ready to serve and can be counted on to be a data-informed, common sense, principled person with a drive for progress and a respect for what got us here. I'm looking forward to earning your vote on June 13th!