

November 30, 2022

Dear Ms. Fox and Mr. Grady,

Please consider this letter and the enclosed resume as my application for the School Committee vacancy.

I have been a public-school educator for 34 years and a nonprofit executive director over the last 18. My passion has been education, youth development and making schools and organization better.

I started as a mathematics teacher at Bedford High School, where I spent 17 years teaching, coaching male and female sports, and advising classes. From there, I became the Assistant Principal at Manchester Jr-Sr High School, and then the principal at Newmarket Jr-Sr High School (Newmarket, NH), Lynn English, Wilmington, and Peabody Veterans Memorial High School, where I also served as Interim/Acting Superintendent for 6 months.

In 2004, I was recruited to be the Executive Director of the Madison Square Boys & Girls Club in New York City, after which I was the E.D. of Boys Hope Girls Hope of New York. I am currently the Interim Executive Director of the Welcome Project on Somerville.

I have owned a home and lived in Marblehead since 1992, even while having an apartment in NYC. My son attended Marblehead High School, graduating in 1997. I also was involved in the town girls youth soccer program.

I have often thought of running for a position on the School Committee. This vacancy seems like a good opportunity to take my years of experience and put it to good use at a different level. School curriculums, cultures and operations are my strengths, and especially managing multi-million-dollar budgets. As you know balancing school budgets and school needs is an art and a science, and I can tell you that it is even more so when it comes to nonprofit funds where to have to raise what you spend. I have also had the experience of presenting school budget at town meetings, so I am sensitive to the concerns of tax-payers who want to understand the needs as well as the costs.

I believe I can offer a fresh set of eyes and the experience necessary to help the current School Committee in addressing their many challenges. It would be an honor to serve the town in this capacity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joe Patuleia