



Weymouth Educators' Association

FOCAL POINT

SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION

Elections will be held **Tuesday, May 6**. Each school will have ballots available. See any building representative for more information.

Candidate for President



Ydana Chella is a sixteen year veteran teacher at the Murphy Primary School. As a member of the WEA, she has served as the primary grievance chair, a representative council member, and is currently serving her ninth term as the executive board secretary. Ydana has also been involved in the town wide Health Insurance Public Employee Committee as well as the coordinator for the annual Friends of Education celebration. These experiences have given her a wealth of background knowledge and resources needed to fulfill the job as the WEA president. Her dedication and support to the education system in Weymouth is evident through her years of service to the schools and the Weymouth Educators' Association. As president she will be a steady and consistent voice for the students and WEA members of our schools.

Candidates for Vice President



Millie Ficarra is an ESP in the Weymouth School system, and has served in this capacity for over ten years. She has also been an active voice in the WEA since 2001. Millie's resume contains a long list of experiences on the local, state, and national levels. At the local level she has served on the executive committee, as a negotiation chair, bylaw committee, building representative, and sick leave bank committee. At the state level she is currently serving on the MTA executive committee representing ESPs, resolutions committee, and full capacity local committee. She has served on the MTA's board of directors, advisory budget committee, and as the ESP committee co-chair and member. She also has experience working with the NEA as a member of the resolutions committee and as an eleven year delegate to the NEA representative assembly. She believes that these experiences give her the knowledge to serve as a union officer and help facilitate the change that educators' are facing in their jobs.

Maggie Murphy is a seven year educator working at the Johnson Early Childhood Center. Maggie is currently serving as a building representative. Her experiences in Weymouth include working as an ESP, a 1:1 aide, ABA therapist, and classroom teacher. During her tenure in Weymouth she has observed and identified three key areas that the WEA needs to address in the following years. Her goal will be to address the lack of town funding for the schools, continue to work toward fair contracts that compensate our teachers for the work they do, and provide educator voice to many of the new initiatives being implemented at the district level. She believes that all educators who are members of the WEA need to contribute to making our schools a better place to work and grow, and will continue to promote policies that are fair for students and teachers.

Candidate for Treasurer



Doreen Feeney is a resident of Weymouth and a Math teacher working at the Adams Middle School. She has taught Math in the Weymouth schools for more than ten years. Currently Doreen serves on the WEA executive board and has been a building representative for three years. Prior to her teaching career, Doreen worked in the bank/finance industry for more than ten years as an analyst. This career involved a substantial amount of accounting, and she feels comfortable working with budgets and finance.

Candidate for Secretary

Mike Murphy is a graduate of Weymouth Schools and continues to reside in the town of Weymouth. He has served as an educator in the system for more than fifteen years, and in that time has organized and advised class level clubs, national history day, history club, and the mock trial team. As a WEA member he is a member of representative council and executive board, evaluation committee chair, and the school committee liaison. His educational background includes a Masters in Social Studies/Education and an Ed.D. in Leadership and Curriculum. He will continue to use his experiences to enhance the education system in Weymouth and work toward fair and sound practices for the members of the WEA.

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