

I began teaching 16 years ago as a third grade teacher at Murphy School. Since I have only taught at Murphy School, many people may not know me. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and share my experiences as an active member of the Weymouth Educators Association. For the past nine years, my primary role has been secretary on the Executive Board. It has been a rewarding experience and offered a first-hand perspective on all aspects of the WEA. Due to this, I gained a wealth of background knowledge that will prove beneficial in the upcoming years. Additionally, I served as the Primary Grievance representative for several years. It gave me the chance to develop new relationships with members and administrators. I consider myself lucky to have met many new teachers while I served as grievance representative. For several years I attended the MTA conference in Boston. Currently, I am working on the Health Insurance Public Employee Committee. I work with a group of 20 public employees from Weymouth (firefighters, police officers, Unit D, librarians, cafeteria workers, etc...) to negotiate possible changes to our current health care program(s). At the June 2013, meeting I spoke to the membership regarding the GIC and some potential changes. Last, but not least, my favorite Union activity is as co-coordinator for the annual Friends of Education celebration. At this event, the WEA honors the first and twenty-fifth year teachers. We also honor a prominent member of the Weymouth community. Today, I am running for the position of Union President. I am thrilled to be nominated. By sharing this with you, I hope that you will see my dedication and on-going commitment to the members of the WEA. Thank you for your support!

Respectfully submitted,  
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