

Thomas McCabe

Family Information:

I have lived in Hawthorne for 28 years with my wife Marykate and our five children: three WHS alums, one in 11th grade at WHS and one in 6th grade at WMS.

Education:

BA in Marketing and Technology from Clarkson University

Occupation:

I am currently a Sales Executive, however, my career spans a broad set of experiences in all aspects of the business cycle, including operations, sales, product development, financial control and business management. I have held senior-level positions at leading companies such as PepsiCo, EMI Music, Reuters, Radianz, BT, Cisco, and Dell EMC.

Community Involvement:

School Board Trustee - 2012-2018 including VP 2016-17 and President 2017-18

Co-chaired the District's Strategic Plan

I have participated in the following committees: Citizen Budget, Audit, Facilities Advisory, and Board representative on Westchester School Board Association.

Volunteered for the last ten years to produce the Kindergarten 1st day video for the Elementary PTA

Why are you running for the school board?

I believe that there is no better place to make an impact on the health and viability of a community than by helping to build a strong and engaging educational system. It is my belief that my diverse experience in business and my passion for education will be a benefit to the district.

What do you feel are the strengths of the district?

A supportive community, a staff dedicated to continuous improvement, and an energetic and engaging student body.

What are the top three challenges facing the district?

- Addressing the potential needs for both facilities and staffing for the anticipated increased enrollment, as a result of new homes being built in the district especially under a tax cap regulation.
- Ensuring that we invest in enhancing the facilities to ensure the diverse interests of our students from athletics to STEAM.

- Ensuring our district provides our students with the necessary skills not only in the core subject areas, but also teaching them resiliency and the independence to apply their knowledge in new innovative ways.

How would you like to see the district face those challenges?

- The board needs to listen to all of the stakeholders (students, parents, administration, teachers, and the community) to understand the priorities and ensure that budgets and funding requests reflect these priorities.
- The board needs to work with the administration and staff to help drive the district's vision to ensure continuous improvement in not only what we teach but how we prepare our students for life after graduation.