

School Board Candidate Info Sheet, 2021
Eastchester Union Free School District / PTA Council

1. Name: Jacqueline DiMarco
2. Education: I graduated from St. John's University (College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences) with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree (Pharm.D) in 2008.
3. Current occupation/professional experience: I am currently the Clinical Pharmacist at the Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, and have also been the pharmacy supervisor as well. Before I came to Burke in 2016, I was a pharmacist at Jacobi Medical Center.
4. How many years have you lived in Eastchester? Do you have children who are currently attending or have graduated from Eastchester public schools? My husband and I have lived in Eastchester since 2013. We have 2 sons in the district- Greenvale (2nd grade) and Waverly (Kindergarten).
5. Have you been elected to any leadership roles in the school district or in community organizations? What have you learned from these positions?
I am eager to be involved in the district. I have participated in many community outreach events in my role as a pharmacist, including medication and wellness presentations to various communities and senior health fairs. I am also a preceptor to pharmacy students, overseeing their rotation experiences at Burke. I have learned that actively listening and communicating with people at all different stages of life gives me a greater understanding of different perspectives and allows us to all learn from each other.
6. What do you see as the role of a School Board trustee?
A School Board Trustee should help to direct resources and support to developing a robust curriculum that not only meets the needs and potential of all learners, but also ensures that they become motivated and responsible citizens of the world. It is also our responsibility to be fiscally responsible and manage resources efficiently.
7. What skills do you see yourself bringing to the School Board?
I have held, and continue to hold, leadership and clinical roles in my profession, and

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bring 14 years of hospital/healthcare experience that is a valuable asset at a time when public health has never been more important. I serve on my hospital's Infection Control Committee and aid in developing policies and procedures, and stay up to date with all public health related issues.

8. What is your educational philosophy and how would it inform your work as a Board member?

A school environment is not only a place of academic learning, but an environment where children should feel happy, safe, secure, and confident. I believe all members of the community (Board members, administrators, teachers, residents, children, etc.) should listen to each other, maintain an open dialogue with each other, and continually learn, evolve, and adapt to the ever changing world around us. As a Board Member, it is important to me that the years spent in the District give children the tools to be empathetic, informed and responsible members of society.

9. How do you see the state tax cap impacting school budget decisions in the coming years? What will be your approach to budget decisions?

The first thing to examine is current and future revenues, aid, and expenses. I will examine each expense line item to make sure that taxpayer money is being spent in the most efficient manner possible. I am all about "Smart Spending". I will also seek to explore how we might be able to obtain additional state aid, including working with our state officials to possibly change the foundation aid formula. Simply receiving what we are currently entitled to is not enough. We have to be conscientious and good stewards of taxpayer funds.

10. What are your top three priorities for the Eastchester School District? How would you help advance these priorities?

1- I will work toward a safe return to full-time in-person learning for the fall by working with the superintendent, principals, and teachers to ensure that they have the support and resources they need, and leaning on my medical knowledge and experience as necessary to accomplish this.

2- This summer, it will be my priority to champion the efforts to have health and wellness protocols in place and examine the readiness plans regarding COVID-19. I am

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up-to-date with the ever-changing guidelines and evolution of the pandemic as a result of my being employed at a hospital.

3. It is important to re-examine our school safety and security, and to do so in a fiscally responsible manner.