

School Board Candidate Info Sheet, 2022 Eastchester Union Free School District/PTA Council

Name: Cardinale B. Smith, MD, PhD

Education:

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, PhD, 2015 Drexel
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Current Occupation / Professional Experience:

I am a physician who specializes in oncology and palliative care at the Mount Sinai Hospital in NYC. In addition, I am a clinical researcher, Chief Quality Officer for Cancer Services and the Associate Director of Community, Outreach and Engagement for the Cancer Institute. My roles as a physician, researcher, hospital executive and community engaged partner and advocate has prepared me with the fundamental skills I believe are emblematic of board of education trustees. In these roles, I have consistently leveraged data to improve outcomes and direct effective use of available resources. As a committee member, I would use this skill set to understand the needs of the students and staff to ensure that resources are aligned. Additionally, I have extensive experience with writing proposals, strategic plans and policies; can understand, manage and balance complex budgets; and am an effective communicator and collaborator who strives to build consensus while recognizing when important decisions must be made.

How many years have you lived in Eastchester? Do you have children who are currently attending or have graduated from Eastchester public schools?

I have lived in Eastchester for approximately six years (moved here July 2016). I currently have a fourth grader who attends Anne Hutchinson, a junior in college who was in the EHS class of 2019 (which he attended for grades 10-12) and a five-year-old who will be attending Waverly starting in September 2022.

Have you been elected to any leadership roles in the school District or in community organizations? What have you learned from these positions?

I was selected as a volunteer community member for the schools DEI taskforce in response to New York State's Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Education Framework. In this role, I have had the pleasure of meeting other community members from varying backgrounds and have learned that we all have a shared desire to ensure our children are poised for future success in an environment that is safe, respectful and inclusive.

What do you see as the role of a School Board trustee?

The School Board trustee serves many functions and should always put the interest of students' futures first to ensure student success. Most importantly, the trustees serve as representatives of the community and are tasked with ensuring there is accountability among administration. To accomplish this, trustees help establish and implement strategic plans, create policy, and oversee resource allocation. There are several items that are critical for the next Board to manage. These include: selection of a new superintendent; being stewards of the recently passed bond; focusing on enhancement of our technological and science capabilities to be competitive with other school districts and ensure post-secondary school

and college readiness; improving the facilities across schools; differentiated learning that accommodates those that need additional resources as well as those who can benefit from academic challenges for those with higher aptitudes; strengthen the students' socio-emotional needs and staff wellbeing.

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