

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

Name: Laurie Giacobbe

Education:

- BA in Early Childhood / Childhood Education and MA in Literacy and Special Education, Iona College

Current Occupation / Professional Experience:

- I am a teacher for the New York City Department of Education. I have taught in co-teaching environments where I collaborated with special education teachers, differentiated instruction to meet the needs of all students and had an open line of communication with parents. With experience in the classroom, I know firsthand what our children need in order to succeed. I have a passion for education and am eager to utilize my skills so each child can reach his/her fullest potential. I am committed to helping set the direction of the Eastchester School District to achieve the highest student performance.

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 moved to Eastchester in 2014. We have two boys, one who will be entering Waverly in September. As a mother of two young children, I am invested in the future of the Eastchester public schools.

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

Although I have not been elected to any position, I have taken on leadership roles within my profession. Throughout my experience as a teacher, I have played an active leadership role within my school. I attended workshops for rigorous curriculum programs and presented the information I learned to my colleagues. I have also been a teacher leader for my grade level. Part of the responsibility is making sure the team is working collaboratively by planning coherent instruction and providing accountability for student achievement.

From these positions, I learned how to work collaboratively with others, become an effective communicator, build respectful teams despite individual differences, all while putting the needs of students first.

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

I believe the role of a School Board trustee is to work collaboratively to create and implement a shared vision for the District. The board is the advocate for all students by setting the direction for the highest student achievement all while being fiscally responsible within the means of the budget.