

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

**Name:** Michele Lawlor

**Education:** BA and MA in Early Education, Iona College

**Current Occupation / Professional experience:**

I am currently a stay-at-home mom to my four wonderful children. Previously, I taught sixth grade Math and Science in the Yonkers Public School District.

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

My family and I have lived in Eastchester for 14 years. My son Stephen graduated from Eastchester High School last June and attends WCC. My son Michael is a senior at Eastchester High School and will be graduating in June. My daughter Katie is a freshman at Eastchester High School and my daughter Mary is a seventh grader at the Eastchester Middle School.

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

Two friends and I started a 501C organization called the Friends of the Yonkers Animal Shelter. We organized fundraisers and hosted events over the course of several years to help raise funds to build a new state-of-the-art facility that is now located at 1000 Ridge Hill Boulevard. I learned the importance of collaborating and working with people from all different backgrounds to achieve a common goal. I learned how developing a vision and having the grit to see it through can bring about extraordinary change not only in the lives of animals but everyone involved in the process.

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

I believe the role of a Board of Education trustee is to maintain the focus on student achievement, well-being and equity. We have the responsibility of electing the next superintendent who will implement the vision and goals of the district. We are leaders of the community and advocate for students, the school district and public schools. We must also be fiscally responsible and answer to all stakeholders who have a right to know the yield on their investment.