

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

Name: Steven Projansky

Education: Bachelor of Science, Cornell University

Current Occupation / Professional Experience:

I am a pharmaceutical executive and a passionate patient advocate who improves health outcomes for patients by ensuring medicine is available where and when they need it. Currently, I work to help children suffering from a rare disease live healthier, happier lives.

My experience in building and leading teams over the last 18 years has developed my leadership, communication, and decision-making skills, which I use to achieve my most important responsibility: inspiring those around me to be their best every day.

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

We made this wonderful community our home nine years ago. My daughter graduated from Eastchester High School in last year. My son is a proud member of the second grade at Anne Hutchinson Elementary School. We are so happy to have made our home in this wonderful community.

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

I have been a School Board Trustee for five of the last six years. In that time, I served as the board Secretary twice. I am currently the Chair of the Policy Committee and Labor Relations Committee. In the past I have been the Chair of the Technology Committee and I've served on the Education Committee and Community Relations Committee. Additionally, I have previously been the board liaison to the Waverly and Anne Hutchinson PTAs.

Here are just a few of the many things I've learned in these roles:

We have truly amazing educators in our District. The School Board must support those who support our students every day.

The best educational outcomes are born out of a strong partnership between schools and parents.

Students learn best in an environment in which they feel safe and supported. What more can we do to make each student feel safe and supported?

Student voice is important. We learn so much about how to help our students when they are empowered to discuss what they care about with the District administration and School Board.

I am proud to have supported so many activities to improve student success in my time as a School Board Trustee. Some highlights include:

- Development of the Strategic Plan
- Addition of STEM & Humanities Directors to improve horizontal and vertical alignment of curriculum
- Expansion of integrated co-teach model
- Increase in academic intervention services (AIS)
- Addition of guidance counselors to elementary schools
- Expansion of occupational education opportunities
- Implementation of 1:1 device beginning in sixth grade

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

A School Board trustee must be a steward of the District, advancing education while ensuring fiscal responsibility. As a Trustee, I work to ensure that each student receives the best education possible and that we leverage the best programs and resources available in an efficient and sustainable manner.

The School Board has several responsibilities, but I believe the most important are (i) selecting a high-performing Superintendent, (ii) creating effective policies, and (iv) supporting initiatives to improve student success.