



WHAT: Town Election

WHEN: Tuesday, May 19, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

WHERE: Holliston High School

ABOUT: Experience: 14 years in town government (11 on Finance Committee, 3 on School Committee).

Leadership: Two-term School Committee Chair, current Budget Chair, member of teacher negotiating team.

Community: Holliston resident since 2011 and parent of two HPS students.

Focus: Using a finance background to ensure district growth, sound financial position and educational excellence.

What does the School Committee *actually* do? Massachusetts school committees act as the district's legislative and oversight body. Their mandate focuses on: policy and goals, budget, hiring and evaluating the Superintendent and serving as the legal employer for collective bargaining (union contracts). Essentially, the committee manages the "what" (policy and budget) while the Superintendent manages the "how" (daily operations).

During my First Term, I worked together to...

Negotiate and Fund Teacher Contracts: Negotiated a fair, multi-year agreement without the contentiousness or mediation of the past. Prepared to lead upcoming negotiations with a focus on both educator fairness and student interests.

Restate Fiscal Responsibility: Maintained a stable budget despite inflationary pressures, avoiding the significant layoffs and deficits seen in neighboring districts.

Ensure Rigorous Math Standards: Restored leveled math in 7th grade and maintained it for 8th grade to ensure all students are appropriately challenged.

Enhance Communication: Improved transparency through staff forums, 1-on-1 meetings, and consistent outreach to educators and personnel.

Increase Learning Time: Added 45 hours of instructional time annually—equivalent to roughly half a school year K-12, without sacrificing recess.

Reform High School Schedule: Implemented the first schedule update in 25 years, increasing equitable course offerings and per-class instructional time.

Create Efficiency with Transportation & Scheduling: Synced elementary school start times, reducing the "pickup gap" for parents and cutting bus road time by 33% to ease downtown traffic.

Fund Override: Secured a 67% "Yes" vote to fully fund the district. Committed to fiscal discipline, with no plans for further overrides barring a major economic crisis.

Support Infrastructure & Facilities: Secured funding for long-deferred maintenance, including roof refurbishments, playground updates, and technology upgrades.

Lay the Groundwork for the High School Building Progress: Successfully entered the MSBA eligibility period after 10 years of effort, moving the town closer to a modern high school facility.

Recruit New Leadership: Appointed a highly qualified new Superintendent, Dr. Kimo Carter, along with a strengthened district leadership team.

When re-elected, my goal is to work together to...

Plan Strategically: Collaborate with the Select Board to plan the new high school (pending MSBA approval) and secure necessary town funding.

Manage Labor Relations: Manage the upcoming teacher contract negotiation year.

Maintain Fiscal Responsibility: Balance school needs with significant competing funding priorities across the town while maintaining the District's fiscal soundness.

Update Policy: Review and modernize school policies to reflect the current educational environment, and conduct a "deep dive" into the use of technology and AI in schools.

Evaluate Learning Environment: Continue limiting cell phone use and review anti-bullying policies and practices.

Create Classroom Tools: Review studies on computer and Chromebook usage, while maintaining that final implementation should be left to teachers.

Foster a Collaborative & Inclusive Environment: Cultivate a culture of continuous improvement by integrating stakeholder feedback into policies and initiatives that drive excellence across Holliston Public Schools.

Questions for the Candidate?

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