

**JENNIFER DAYTON**

I am a BOE incumbent, former PTA and RTM leader. My two sons attend GHS, where my husband coaches Fencing.

“How good are Greenwich Public Schools?” ask parents. That is now measurable as essential outcomes for the district and I will set high expectations on annual progress toward desired outcomes, not only for academics but for students’ personal development. Progress based

on data will be tracked and communicated and I will advocate to bridge testing and teaching with useful data from fewer, smarter tests. Technological advances that make learning more collaborative and accessible, including for 150 families who lack internet connections to schools, are priorities of mine. I will continue to champion and advance public and private preschool collaboration on school readiness. My new priorities include apprenticeships and early college experiences, so our graduates will be prepared to take on high-skill jobs in the knowledge economy.

**GAETANE FRANCIS**

I have served the Greenwich community for 20 years as a physician and volunteer. I have baked cookies and raised funds for my sons’ schools; worked with Staff to develop educational materials for students and parents; and chaired the PTA Council Advanced Learning Program Committee and the Greenwich Hospital Executive Board. I have successfully advocated for parent-supported programming changes by

working with school administrators and the BOE.

I would be a valuable Board member as I am passionate about education and the welfare of our students; I am analytical in reviewing information and comfortable asking important questions; I work effectively and collaboratively with others to build consensus; and I am eager for innovation in our schools. I believe the overarching priority of the Board should be success for all students. This can be achieved by embracing innovation and 21st century models of education that focus on personalized learning.

**ANTHONY LOPEZ**

My name is Anthony. I am the father of 3 GPS students, including one with special needs. I am a former Dean at a K-8 school, and currently in my 3rd year as a Special Education assistant for Greenwich Schools. I will work to build on our strong history of high academic achievement, and to increase the number of high achievers in our district through innovative and scientifically based best practices. I

want to refocus our special education program toward achievable academic outcomes, and maximal independence in society for students. I believe that every dollar spent by the board must be an investment in our children’s futures. I want to ensure that our tax dollars are used effectively, efficiently, and in the smartest way possible for our children. I offer new ideas, experience, and passion to the board. I believe in our students, and will work tirelessly on their behalf.

**BARBARA O'NEILL**

It has been a privilege to serve as Chair of the Board of Education since 2013. I am proud of my career as a Greenwich teacher and administrator and to be honored with the Distinguished Teacher Award.

Working collaboratively the Board made significant accomplishments including: ✓adopting the use of technology to increase individual academic growth; ✓securing approval of a new racial balance plan

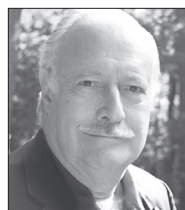
without redistricting; ✓promoting the emotional and physical well-being of all students, through a commitment to family engagement; ✓approving a strategic plan prioritizing initiatives and use of district resources; and ✓establishing continuity by extending the superintendent’s contract.

Going forward there is still much to be done: including planning for the New Leb students, resolving school start times and working to improve achievement for all students. I would welcome the opportunity to continue my efforts to address these and other challenges of our schools.

**LAUREN RABIN**

I am a proud graduate of Greenwich public schools, as are my two grown sons. Volunteering to improve the lives of children has always energized me. I have served on multiple PTA Executive Boards, PTA Council and the Greenwich Alliance for Education. Currently, I am serving on the GYFL, RTM, and Board of Social Services. As a BOE member, I will serve the achievement needs of all students. This means

working to provide the best resources for our diverse population, using personalized learning (technology & traditional methods) via safe, neighborhood schools. It also means providing increased alignment of town resources and gaining the involvement of parents and guardians. My primary goal will be to strengthen communications and outreach to parents and the community. I have 30 years of professional experience working on high-performing teams, making data-driven decisions, and using my keen listening and attention skills to develop universally accepted policies.

**PETER VON BRAUN**

Lifelong Greenwich resident, Riverside School, GHS, served with US Navy and Army, Yale, Fulbright Scholar, Cologne University PhD, Partner, McKinsey; developed major education projects in Labrador; 30 African and Caribbean countries; and Oman. Knighted by QEII: Director, Episcopal Relief Fund and Church World Service; married, two kids.

The top 3 BOE priorities should be: 1) Later start times for GHS. I have championed the campaign for a later start time since 2013, in the face of opposition. The need for this change is clear: the American Academy of Pediatrics, CDC and countless other studies have confirmed parents’ experiences – teens wake up later. The time for this change is now. 2) Academic Achievement: we fail to educate all children to the best of their ability. 3) Improved management of District: We waste too much on expensive consultants. We are outsourcing decisions regarding individual student academic progress to a for-profit company.

GENERAL BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION INFORMATION

This bipartisan, eight-member board is elected for four-year staggered terms. They serve without pay. Each political party may nominate as many persons as there are vacancies on the Board. Independent candidates may also be on the ballot. The four candidates receiving the highest number of votes are elected but no more than two from each party.

HOW TO VOTE FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Vote for up to any four candidates. Four candidates will be elected but no more than two from any one party.

ELECTION DAY VOTER REGISTRATION

If you are unable to register to vote by the normal deadlines, a new election law passed in Connecticut in 2012 provides for Election Day Registration (EDR) in general elections as your last chance. If you choose to register on Election Day, you must appear in person at Town Hall and provide proof of your identity and residence. A current and valid Connecticut driver's license with your Greenwich address will satisfy both requirements. Other options for proof of identity include a birth certificate, social security card or current student photo ID from an institute of higher education. A proof of residence must include your current address. You will be asked to fill out a voter registration application and affirm—in writing—that you have not already voted in this election. If you have been registered to vote in another Connecticut town, the election officials must contact your former town to verify your voting status. When this is completed, you will be able to cast your ballot right there. As there is only one location, the lines might be long.

Board of Education Candidates Forum

*Hosted by
the League of Women Voters of Greenwich and
the Greenwich PTA Council*

**Tuesday, October 20, 2015
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Central Middle School
Auditorium**

