

Dear Members of the New Bedford School Committee,

I am writing to express my interest in becoming a member of the New Bedford School Committee. As a lifelong resident of this community and a dedicated parent of six children—three biological and three bonus children—I have a vested interest in ensuring a bright future for all students in our schools.

My experience includes serving as the Vice President of the Parent Booster Club at Alma Del Mar Charter School for four years, during which I championed initiatives that strengthened our school community and supported our students. Additionally, as a 7D driver for a student in the Wareham district, I have gained firsthand knowledge of the challenges our children face in their educational journeys.

I have actively spoken to various groups in support of educational initiatives, always striving to amplify the voices of our children and families. My children have attended a range of schools, from Little Whalers Nursery School to New Bedford High School. This experience has allowed me to stay informed about the needs and concerns of parents across our community.

I understand that many parents express concerns regarding their children's development in key areas such as problem-solving skills, socialization, grammar, and understanding multistep processes. Moreover, there is a pressing need to reconsider the impact of technology on learning, encouraging greater parental involvement, and fostering a collaborative relationship between parents and educators.

I believe it is essential for parents to maintain open communication with teachers and to be receptive to constructive feedback. When schools and parents work as a cohesive team, we can profoundly enhance the educational experience for our children. I also advocate for more community events that facilitate connections among families and educational resources.

Thank you for considering my application. I am eager to bring my passion for our children's education to the School Committee and contribute positively to the ongoing dialogue about their needs and opportunities for growth. I look forward to the possibility of working together to create a supportive and successful environment for all students in New Bedford.

Sincerely,

Erin Alvarado