

To the Nomination Committee,

December 6, 2025

I have carefully considered this opportunity for self-nomination and I do humbly request consideration to serve out the remaining portion of Bruce Oliveira's term on the New Bedford School Committee.

Bruce Oliveira was a linchpin of this community, not just a face in the crowd. He was on the boards, an organizer and committed to the success of several charitable, and civic-minded organizations. Always providing thoughtful guidance and faithful support in his every role. I recognize that he leaves immense shoes to fill. Bruce was an example to everyone of what it means to be a real man of the people. My sympathies are with his grieving family.

If considered for this role it would be helpful to note I bring 20 years of experience in public education as a Career Technical Educator, 10 years as an entrepreneur chef/owner, and 5 years serving as the ward 3 city councilor in the city of New Bedford. I was educated here in New Bedford at St.Anthony's Elementary School and then Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. I have a degree from Bristol Community College and another hundred or so college credits in educator preparation and licensure courses. I am SEI endorsed and currently sit on the DEI committee at my school. When reflecting on my city council experience it would be relevant to mention during my tenure I served on the Council/School Committee joint finance committee. Then, a newly formed committee to help provide critical oversight of some major capital expenditures on behalf of the New Bedford tax payer.

My primary desire is to continue contributing in additional meaningful ways to the education of New Bedford's future generation of leaders. I am eager for the opportunity to serve this community again and re-dedicate my efforts to the success of all our students and the integrity of our public school system.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to hearing from the committee.

With out wax,

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