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# THE BEDFORD CITIZEN

*Submitted by Edward Pierce, Caucus Nominee and incumbent candidate for School Committee*



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## **CAUCUS STATEMENT**

It has been a privilege to represent the Community of Bedford for the past 19 years, 12 as a member of the School Committee, and 7 years split between the Finance Committee and Recreation Commission.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge my wife Zoe, whose support has allowed me to pursue my interests in serving the community.

Why do I want to run again?

The answer for me is that Bedford is home to us. This is a great place to live and raise a family and we have benefited greatly by the thoughtful actions of those who have gone before us, and I would like to continue to be a part of those volunteers who help chart the course for the Community for those who will eventually succeed us.

More specifically we are in the midst of a transformation in how education is delivered. Critical thinking is replacing the rote recital of facts and figures. The sage on stage is becoming the guide on the side. We are moving to a more individualized learning model largely as a result of changes taking place all around us in the education technology marketplace. Applications are being written that can help our young students acquire and develop their skills through the interactive use of technology. One of the applications in use in Math at the High School is allowing the teacher to see where students struggled doing their homework before they even show up in class. It is a multimedia world of opportunity that our kid's are living in and our delivery models must meet where our kid's are learning. I am excited about the opportunity to influence and shape our approach to this dramatic change in the delivery of education.

We are also experiencing a spike in enrollments at Davis and the High School. We are seeing a more diverse population with a rise in ELL learners. Budgets continue to be tight. Property taxes continue their

tilt towards the residential sector. Housing prices are driven by families who desire communities with good schools. We, as a Community need to continue to meet our promise of providing a quality well rounded balanced education for all of our students and to understand the fiscal realities of what we can afford.

I have spent my career making evaluations like these for the businesses that I have been involved with. I would like to continue to use these experiences and help the Schools and the Town chart the course for the future of the Community.

I ask for your support in voting for me as a caucus nominee and at the election booth on March 8.