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Dear Friends,

The only contested town-wide race in this year's April election is for the School Committee. I support Amy Zuccarello.

For those of us who no longer have young children, our school system appears to be in crisis. This year, we have a budget problem. The initial school budget request for next year was more than \$9 million higher than the current year. For budget issues, Amy Zuccarello's experience in finance will supplement the expertise of current members of the Committee.

Belmont is Amy's hometown. Amy's family made sacrifices so that they could live in Belmont, primarily because of our excellent schools. As a native of Belmont, she also understands how our local government works.

After graduation from Belmont High, Amy received her B.A. from Boston University *summa cum laude*. She then attended Boston College Law School for her J.D. She is a Partner in Sullivan and Worcester, specializing in bankruptcy and financial restructuring. As a parent in Belmont, she has been a leader in the Girl Scouts, the Parents of Music Students (POMS), the Burbank PTA and the Chenery PTO.

Amy's priorities are: maintain excellence in education for all students, adopt a long-term plan for fiscal challenges, support the social and emotional needs of students, create an environment to retain talented educators; and maintain our outstanding fine and performing arts programs.

Many of us are grandparents or great-grandparents, but we remain committed to educational excellence. Many of us retirees are also on fixed incomes, and we need to be able to afford our schools. Amy's commitment to excellence plus her financial skills are critical for our future.

Please join me in voting for Amy Zuccarello for the School Committee on April 4.

Sincerely,



Ralph Jones