

## February 2024 News

It's great to be able to share with you our campaign's current activities as we swing into the new month. We are in the signature gathering stage right now and I am thrilled to let you know that, besides me, we have a team of folks spread around the Town knocking on doors and meeting with residents to collect those signatures.

You can also **sign my Nomination Form** at the porches of the homes of Tommy Vitolo (153 University Rd), Neil Gordon (87 Ivy Rd), and in the lobby of 1265 Beacon St. near Coolidge Corner.

We are excited that I have been endorsed by Select Board and Town Meeting members, Library Trustees, the Brookline Chamber of Commerce, and, of course, residents. If you agree with my goals of (1) Advocating for every student including a commitment to academic excellence for all Brookline learners, (2) Ensuring that every student can learn in a safe and nurturing environment, and (3) Making sure that parents, faculty, staff, and residents can productively collaborate to improve our schools, please **consider endorsing** me. Please send your name to [info@jesseforbrookline.com](mailto:info@jesseforbrookline.com) and we'll add you to the endorsement list.

## Meetings of note...

- I enjoyed sitting down with Select Board and Town Meeting members and residents to **discuss issues** (e.g., class sizes, a professional pathway for paraprofessionals, middle school programming, science and social studies minutes, 9th grade transition, budget transparency, and evidence-based literacy instruction).
- A one-on-one meeting with Superintendent Guillory provided an **opportunity** to discuss the FY25 budget and District challenges. My first **school visit** is scheduled for later this week, and I look forward to seeing firsthand the energy and spirit of the teachers, administration, and students.
- **Listening** in to School Committee meetings broadened and deepened my understanding of ongoing programs, the strategic planning process, and its relationship to the budget.
- It was impressive to see the new 3-D model of the Pierce School at last week's School Committee meeting. Seeing the renderings of the interior and realizing that I recently participated in helping the architecture team refocus on the use of non-forever-chemical-containing building materials was great. This building will set a new standard for safer school buildings.

## Getting Together to Talk

I invite you to reach out to me to discuss any topics related to the Schools and the educational environment in Brookline. The more I learn from you, the more effective I can be. My cell number is 781-771-2618 and email address is [jesse.hefter@gmail.com](mailto:jesse.hefter@gmail.com)

**Share this newsletter with at least 5 friends and grow our base! Thank you!**

### Helping the Campaign

Running a Town-wide campaign takes financial resources. If you are excited as we are about my becoming a School Committee member, please consider contributing to our effort!



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