

Barrett endorses DePrizio

To the editor:

Thank you to the Emergency Management Team, superintendent of schools and her administrative leadership team, educators, school staff, families, town departments, School Committee, and my fellow Select Board members who have continuously gone above and beyond to ensure the safety of our students and staff while also making sure our students have the absolute best experiences in and out of the classroom.

When the Select Board took the historic action to place our town in a state of emergency, we knew the road ahead would be long and difficult, but we had full confidence in our Emergency Management Team to work with all stakeholders to ensure the arrival of the 'better days' that we all hoped and prayed for.

All involved should be applauded for the wonderful work they have done to allow us to successfully arrive at the point we are today to welcome all students back to full in-person learning for Lynnfield Public Schools. Thank you to all of the dedicated people who made this day possible.

As a former School Committee chair and the current Select Board chair, I have been proud to see the number of volunteers who are always ready and willing to serve our town in the many available volunteer leadership roles.

Thank you to each and every candidate who has stepped forward this election year to offer their services to the town of Lynnfield, especially our candidates for the Lynnfield School Committee. As a former member of the Lynnfield School Committee and school administrator, I know full well the many challenges that the School Committee and school district face on a daily basis. I am well aware of what it takes to be an effective member of the School Committee.

This election we have an opportunity to let a new and powerful voice be heard by supporting Kate DePrizio for Lynnfield School Committee. She is the 'new voice' we need right now who will prove to be an effective leader, communicator and advocate to ensure that our school district continues to move forward in a positive direction. Kate DePrizio has proven time and time again that no task is too big when it comes to delivering for the students and staff of Lynnfield Public Schools.

I learned right away that you should never doubt what Kate DePrizio can accomplish when it comes to achieving great and challenging goals for our schools and community. While we can take great pride in our town's support for the much-needed expansion of both of our elementary schools, we can thank Kate DePrizio for effectively working with the many stakeholders to earn the necessary trust and final support of Town Meeting.

On short notice, Kate DePrizio organized and led her dedicated team of volunteers who helped mobilize hundreds of residents to overwhelmingly support this significant investment in the future of Lynnfield Public Schools.

In my role as Select Board chair and member of the School Building Committee, I was deeply impressed with Kate's extraordinary ability to effectively communicate the needs of Lynnfield Public Schools to all of the residents of our town.

She never got discouraged, always kept everyone focused on the positive and never lost sight of our most important goal: providing the absolute best for our current and future students of Lynnfield Public Schools.

In Lynnfield, our Parent-Teacher Organizations (PTOs) are the backbone of our tremendous success. They play a strong and vital

role in taking on the essential task of being the community partners we need to help provide everything our students and educators need for their continued success. Kate DePrizio stepped right into her role as co-vice president of the Huckleberry Hill School PTO and has worked tirelessly, with other dedicated PTO volunteers, in a positive and collaborative manner to support the many important events and essential programs and services offered at HHS.

I am proud to join many of my friends and residents in saying that Kate DePrizio has my full and unequivocal support for Lynnfield School Committee. One will never have to wonder how she will lead on the School Committee.

Her strong record of dedication and accomplished service to the Lynnfield Public Schools points to the effective leader we can expect her to be on the School Committee. Together, with Kate DePrizio on the School Committee, we will continue to accomplish great things for our children and educators of Lynnfield Public Schools.

Lastly, I would like to thank Tim Doyle for his many, many years of dedicated service to Lynnfield Public Schools. Tim's exemplary service on the School Committee has contributed greatly to the success of our schools and has guaranteed our continued success for many years to come.

Tim's volunteer leadership is exactly what we should celebrate and honor in the town of Lynnfield. Leaders like Tim Doyle are the reason why we can all be so proud to call the town of Lynnfield our home.

As always, thank you for your consideration and continued support for the town of Lynnfield. I will always greatly appreciate it!

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