

# Danielle George

My name is Danielle George and I am announcing my candidacy for school board. My husband, Rich, and I have lived in Durham for the last 20 years with our two children, a sophomore at Freeport High School and a seventh grader at Durham Community School.

I am employed as a Physician Assistant in Cardiothoracic Surgery. I have been active both in the community and schools for many years. I served on the Proficiency-Based Learning Committee for approximately two years and was also a parent representative on the superintendent hiring committee. Currently, I am the treasurer of the Freeport High School Softball Boosters.

I am announcing my candidacy for school board because I want to help ensure we are providing the best education we can for our children and that parents have knowledge of curriculum and safety issues. It is vital our curriculum maintains high standards to allow all students to pursue either ongoing education or passage directly into the workforce. I think transitioning between schools and grade levels can be challenging. Advancement from middle school to high school can be a tremendous challenge for students. I would like to work with students, teachers, and administration in making this an easier transition. I would strive for RSU5 to include a CPR program for the health class to be offered during the sophomore year. This is a great life skill I think all our students should learn. The Red Cross and the American Heart Association both offer excellent training programs to provide this skill in our schools. I believe all this can be done in a financially responsible manner that is also reasonably acceptable for this community. I believe the school budget should be balanced and done in an effort to support the highest level of education, yet also in an affordable manner for the community.

I believe I have the skills and knowledge to achieve these goals and would appreciate your support this March at our local election.

