

January 11, 2023

Newton School Committee
100 Walnut Street
Newton, MA 02460

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RE: Academic Principles Advisory Committee Request

Dear Newton School Committee Members,

Newton Public Schools (NPS) has long held teachers and students to high standards with outstanding results, but in the last several years NPS has shifted away from a focus on academic excellence. Recognizing the change, only 31% of NPS parents/guardians believed that the district is heading in the right direction in a November 2022 NPS survey*.

With the superintendent search underway, NPS is at a critical moment, and we, the undersigned registered voters of Newton, Massachusetts, qualified to vote at the next general election or special election, hereby petition the Newton School Committee, pursuant to the Charter of the City of Newton, section 10-2, to create an Academic Principles Advisory Committee (the "Advisory Committee") to serve the citizens of this City regarding establishment of core principles for NPS.

The Advisory Committee will review and recommend revisions to the systemwide goals, NPS Mission Statement and any other documents guiding development and implementation of NPS curriculum, classroom instruction, and teacher professional development, and will advise on the "Portrait of a Graduate" if that process continues.

The Advisory Committee shall be composed of parents of current NPS students (who shall constitute a majority of the Advisory Committee), NPS teachers and members of the community at large. Other than NPS teacher members, no Advisory Committee members shall be otherwise affiliated with NPS (other than as parents of current students or members or officers of school PTOs). At least 5 members of the Advisory Committee shall be signatories of this petition. Recommendation, revisions, and advice of the Advisory Committee will not be binding on NPS or the School Committee, provided that the School Committee shall hold an open vote on all recommendations of the Advisory Committee and provide a written response to any of the Advisory Committee's recommendations that the School Committee rejects.

In addition, we ask that the School Committee expedite review, approval, and implementation of the Advisory Committee so any recommended changes to NPS documents are updated promptly, and the School Committee ensures that the incoming superintendent understands and is able to champion NPS' core values.

* Newton Public Schools Survey for Superintendent Search

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Printed NAME	Signature	Present Address in Full
✓ YELENA MARGOLIN	<i>Yelena Margolin</i>	40 CENTRAL AVE, NEWTON MA 02460
✓ Arseny Vuzman	<i>Arseny Vuzman</i>	131 Cypress St Newton, MA 02459
✓ Dana Vuzman	<i>Dana Vuzman</i>	131 Cypress St., Newton, MA
✓ Tanya Bokk	<i>Tanya Bokk</i>	28 Hamlet St Newton MA 02459
✓ Vasily Vagin	<i>Vasily Vagin</i>	28 Hamlet St Newton MA 02459
✓ Anna Kumysh	<i>Anna Kumysh</i>	169 Ward St. Newton MA 02459
✓ Roman Naroviansky	<i>Roman Naroviansky</i>	169 Ward St. Newton MA 02459
✓ Emanuel Katz	<i>Emanuel Katz</i>	46 Eddy St Newton MA 02465
✓ Ilaha Katz	<i>Ilaha Katz</i>	46 Eddy St Newton MA 02465
✓ Veniamin Slavitskiy	<i>Veniamin Slavitskiy</i>	11 Woodrow Ave. Newton MA 02460
N Maria Slavitskaya	<i>Maria Slavitskaya</i>	11 Woodrow Ave, Newton MA 02460
✓ Roman Kurin	<i>Roman Kurin</i>	31 Saco St Newton MA 02464
N Ariella Shkolnik	<i>Ariella Shkolnik</i>	38 Verdale Rd, Newton, MA 02461
N Igor Shkolnik	<i>Igor Shkolnik</i>	38 Verdale Rd Newton MA 02461
✓ Ed Khokhlovich	<i>Ed Khokhlovich</i>	5 ESTY FARM RD. MA 02459
✓ ALLA GRIBOV	<i>Alla Gribov</i>	9 Anita Circle, Waban 02468
✓ Liliya Podolny	<i>Liliya Podolny</i>	5 Esty Farm, Newton MA 02499
✓ Olga Beruchovich	<i>Olga Beruchovich</i>	44 Playstead Rd. Newton MA 02458
✓ Albert Milshteyn	<i>Albert Milshteyn</i>	44 Playstead Rd. Newton, MA
✓ Polina Vaseeman	<i>Polina Vaseeman</i>	75 West St Newton MA 02458
✓ Seogey Vasiluyev	<i>Seogey Vasiluyev</i>	75 West St Newton MA 02458
✓ Anna Furman	<i>Anna Furman</i>	77 West St Newton MA 02458

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✓ Melissa Waltock	<i>Melissa Waltock</i>	133 Andrew St. Newton MA 02461
✓ Shanon T. Walsh	<i>Shanon Walsh</i>	7 Cheney Ct Newton 02464
✓ Ben Wright	<i>Ben Wright</i>	21 Ithaca Circle Newton 02462
✓ Stephanie Moore	<i>Stephanie Moore</i>	128 Upland Ave 02461
✓ Jamie English	<i>Jamie English</i>	147 Oakdale Dr. 02461
✓ Shelly Pearlstein	<i>Shelly Pearlstein</i>	60 Cross Hill Rd. Newton 02459
✓ Vinay Mehra	<i>Vinay Mehra</i>	60 Solon St. Newton MA
✓ JONATHAN BARSIC	<i>Jonathan Barsic</i>	130 Andrew St. Newton MA 02461
✓ Doug Clark	<i>Doug Clark</i>	39 Andrew St. Newton 02461
✓ Rowena	<i>Rowena Nguyen</i>	50 Andrew St Newton 02461
✓ Sissie Hyndes	<i>Sissie Hyndes</i>	390 Parker St Newton 02459
✓ Sherri Freedman	<i>Sherri Freedman</i>	105 Dan Hill Road, Newton 02461
✓ Marjorie Greenberg	<i>Marjorie Greenberg</i>	24 Farina Road, 02459
✓ Mischa Santos	<i>Mischa Santos</i>	23 Leewood Rd, 02461
✓ Rebecca Gavin	<i>Rebecca Gavin</i>	33 Leewood Rd 02461
✓ Anna Skabeev	<i>Anna Skabeev</i>	41 Bound Brook Rd 02461
✓ Missa Kutz	<i>Missa Kutz</i>	49 Fairhaven Rd. 02459
✓ Jennifer Adelson	<i>Jennifer Adelson</i>	83 Oak Hill St. 02459
✓ April Van Don	<i>April Van Don</i>	116 Old Farm Rd - 02459
✓ Sangeeta Lathar	<i>Sangeeta Lathar</i>	25 Wallace St, Newton MA 02461
✓ Patience Stricker	<i>Patience Stricker</i>	22 Goddard St. Newton MA 02461
✓ Vivian Thime	<i>Vivian Thime</i>	49 Andrew St. Newton 02461

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✓ Amy Blount	<i>Amy Blount</i>	273 Otis St, W Newton MA 02459
✓ Leah Finkelstein	<i>Leah Finkelstein</i>	10 Bishopsgate Rd 02459
✓ MARCO FINKIELSZTEIN	<i>Marco Finkelstein</i>	10 Bishopsgate Rd 02459
✓ Lisa Shapiro	<i>L. Shapiro</i>	22 Shepherd Pk. Waban 02468
✓ Kenneth Shapiro	<i>Kenneth Shapiro</i>	22 Shepherd Pk. Waban 02468
✓ Toby Kumin	<i>Toby Kumin</i>	265 Otis St Newton 02465
✓ Lena Rasamad	<i>Lena Rasamad</i>	242 Quinobegun rd
✓ Emil Rasamad	<i>Emil Rasamad</i>	242 Quinobegun Rd
✓ Sarah Madic	<i>Sarah Madic</i>	86 Waban Ave, Waban, MA
✓ Jane Gurray	<i>Jane Gurray</i>	25 Devonshire Rd, Waban, MA
✓ My Lena O'Leary	<i>My Lena O'Leary</i>	196 Linden Rd, Newton
✓ Phyllis Scherr	<i>Phyllis Scherr</i>	196 Windsor Rd, Waban MA
✓ SOFIA ARONOVITZ	<i>Sofia Aronovitz</i>	32 TANGLEWOOD RD NEWTON MA 02459
✓ JOSEPH ARONOVITZ	<i>Joseph Aronovitz</i>	32 TANGLEWOOD RD, NEWTON MA 02459
✓ DEB. SHILOVITSKY	<i>Deb Shilovitsky</i>	105 REDWOOD RD NEWTON MA 02459
✓ YULIYA SHILOVITSKY	<i>Yuliya Shilovitsky</i>	105 REDWOOD RD. NEWTON MA
✓ Dana Fogel	<i>Dana Fogel</i>	17 Shaw St Newton MA
✓ Brian McManahan	<i>Brian McManahan</i>	6 FOREST AVE NEWTON, MA
✓ Melissa McManahan	<i>Melissa McManahan</i>	6 Forest Ave W. Newton, MA
✓ Michael Pesok	<i>Michael Pesok</i>	73 Webster Park, Newton MA
✓ Katherine Biotti	<i>Katherine Biotti</i>	27 Varick Hill Rd, Waban, MA
✓ Chris Biotti	<i>Chris Biotti</i>	27 Varick Hill Rd, Waban, MA

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✓ Tian Ma		74 Blinor Rd, Newton MA 02461
✓ Qiang Ruan		74 Blinor Rd, Newton, MA 02461
✓ Jay Bovarnick		15 Winstan Rd, Newton MA
✓ Jill Bovarnick		62 Winston Rd, MA
✓ Jon Bovarnick		62 Winston Rd Newton MA
✓ Dean Bovarnick		62 Winston Rd Newton MA
✓ Sofia Osorio		216 Varick Rd Wapan 02468
✓ Alexandra Bovarnick		62 Winston Rd Newton MA #215
✓ Daniel Kate		19 Pollihy Ln, Newton, MA 02467
✓ Floua Valerie Pasternak		138 Middlesex Rd # 2, Chestnut Hill MA 02461
✓ Vadim Grinshpun		138 Middlesex Rd 2 CH, 02467
✓ Fernando Camargo		38 Morseland Av, Newton, MA 02460
✓ Michael Kumin		265 Otis St, Newton 02465
✓ Megan Clagh Conster		44 Frederick St #2 Newton, MA 02460
✓ Jacob Grushek		44 Frederick St. #2 Newton, MA 02460
✓ Caroline Baum		326 Highland St Newton MA 02460
✓ Jack Bardey		326 Highland St. Newton
✓ JAMES STANLEY		256 HIGHLAND ST W NEWTON, MA
✓ CATHERINE STANLEY		256 HIGHLAND ST W NEWTON MA 02460
✓ Natalie Mattessich		82 LENOX STR, NEWTON, MA 02465
✓ Henry Barbaro		62 Edinboro St, Newton, MA 02460
✓ Christina Sliwa		62 Ellis Road Newton, MA 02465

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✓ Megan Meirav		19 Ridge RD 02468
✓ TADYANA GAL		173 Brookplain str
✓ Hyegom Hahn		21 Putnam street, MA
✓ Christian Hahn		21 Putnam Street 02465
✓ Seung HAHN		21 Putnam Street, 02465
✓ Andrew Hahn		21 Putnam St, 02465
✓ SABINA ROYTSMAN		7 KENDALL Road, Newton
✓ Ed ROYTSMAN		7 KENDALL Rd, Newton
✓ Alex Obraztsov		40 Marcellus Dr. Newton
✓ Pamela Weinfield		72 Plainfield St Waban. MA.
✓ MARK S. WEINFIELD		72 PLAINFIELD ST., WABAN, MA
✓ Andrew J. Weinfield		72 plainfield st., WABAN, MA
✓ Jessica Weinfield	Jessica Weinfield	72 Plainfield Street, Waban, MA
✓ Kimberly Altschuler		29 Fairhaven RD. 02459.
✓ Joshua Altschuler		29 Fairhaven RD. 02459.
✓ Jason Jiang		255 Adams Ave Newton MA 02465-
✓ Fan LZ		255 Adams Ave Newton MA 02465
✓ CHADORAN HUANG		10 Edgewater Park, Auburn MA 02466
✓ Helen Wang		10 Edgewater Park, Auburn MA 02466
✓ Michael Howland		17 Regim Rd. Waban MA 02466
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✓ DIANA BELHAN	<i>[Signature]</i>	142 Cotton, Newton, MA 02458
✓ ALBERT KURLAND	<i>[Signature]</i>	142 Cotton, NEWTON
✓ Anna Mikusheva	<i>[Signature]</i>	170 Country Club Rd, Newton, MA
✓ Gury Baskakov	<i>[Signature]</i>	190 Country Club Rd, Newton, MA-02459
✓ Olga Rivkin	<i>[Signature]</i>	19 Spaulding Ln, Newton, MA
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✓ Sandra Wirth	<i>[Signature]</i>	11 Scarsdale Rd
✓ Robert WEINRIEDT	<i>[Signature]</i>	" "
✓ JOANN FREEDMAN	<i>[Signature]</i>	17 SCARSDALE RD
✓ VICTOR FREEDMAN	<i>[Signature]</i>	17 SCARSDALE RD.
✓ Phoebe Olhaver	<i>[Signature]</i>	11 Scarsdale Rd
 	 	
 	 	
 	 	
 	 	
 	 	
 	 	
 	 	
 	 	
 	 	

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