

## About Mali Brodt (Candidate for Ward 6)

Mali Lipchik Brodt is a lifelong advocate for strong, equitable public education. With almost 20 years of experience in education, she has dedicated her career to supporting students' academic and emotional well-being, fostering inclusive learning environments, and ensuring that all children have access to the resources they need to succeed.

After spending 16 years as a Middle School teacher, Mali made the transition to counseling after witnessing the increase in social-emotional and mental health challenges faced by students. She saw firsthand how academic success is deeply connected to emotional well-being and therefore felt compelled to take a more direct role in supporting students beyond the classroom.

Mali is deeply invested in Newton Public Schools. She and her husband have lived in Newton Centre for 10 years, where they are raising their three daughters who attend NPS. As both a parent and an educator, Mali believes schools should be places where every child feels valued, supported, and empowered to succeed.

The value of public service was instilled in Mali growing up. Her mother, [Judith Kurland](#), served as the first female Commissioner of the Boston Department of Health and Hospitals and was Chief of Staff both in Congress and Boston City Hall.

Mali holds a B.A. in History and American Studies, an M.A. in History, and M.Ed. degrees in both Secondary Teaching and Counseling. She taught Humanities and English at Quincy Upper School in Boston and The Rashi School in Dedham, respectively. Mali is currently the School Adjustment Counselor at Pine Hill Elementary School in Westwood.

Mali served in the Mason-Rice PTO Board and has consistently supported the Mason-Rice Auction aiding enrichment programming for the school.

