

Dear Friends,

Welcome to spring. In this newsletter, I will focus on the school budget, arts and culture, public safety, the status of my campaign, and signing up for the City Council newsletter.

School Budget

As a staunch supporter of our public schools, education will be my top priority as Mayor. It is where nearly two-thirds of our tax dollars go; strong schools are good for our property values; and we have a moral obligation – part of our societal compact - to provide an outstanding education to our community’s children, regardless of whether we have kids in the public schools ourselves. Providing an exceptional education is vital to the success and well-being of our entire community.

As Mayor, I will work closely with our School Committee and Superintendent, the City Council, and the residents of our city to develop a long-term, sustainable plan to fund the schools to the best of our ability. We cannot continue to go year to year, facing decisions about budgets and layoffs and creating uncertainty for both our families and teachers. I truly believe there is a sustainable path forward that achieves both our educational and fiscal objectives.

For this year, as the President of the City Council, I will lead our City Council in a thorough review of the overall City budget and the Newton Public Schools’s portion of that budget.