

Kristin A Dykstra – Candidate Statement - 2018 Hopkinton Town Election

All children can learn. I believed this when I started teaching at Hopkins Elementary School just after earning my Master's in Language and Literacy from Harvard University and my Bachelor's in Elementary Education and Biology from Russell Sage College. I moved to Hopkinton over a decade ago for the same reasons as many people: the residents and the education. Professionally, I taught for over thirteen years in Hopkinton, worked as a district-wide administrator for over six years in two other communities, and will soon have my School Business Administrator license. Personally, I am a mother of two young children and served on Hopkinton's Vision and Steering Committee. This opportunity enabled me to listen to residents' varied perspectives. As a School Committee member, I will continue to listen. I know the issues our students and educators face as well as our community's challenges. Hopkinton has earned its prestigious reputation throughout Massachusetts and I want to insure that status is preserved in a fiscally responsible manner because – we *all* can learn.