

Dear Hopkinton Residents,

My name is Brian Karp, and I am pleased to announce my candidacy for School Committee. My decision to run came after the School Committee approved the 2015-2016 school calendar eliminating traditional days off for religious holidays. I believe that the School Committee's action erodes family values – values that help make our community strong.

My family has lived in Hopkinton for nearly 10 years and in that time we have embedded ourselves deeply into the community. I have been a Girl Scout Co-Leader, served on the HPTA as the Elmwood School Art Room Volunteer Coordinator, and served two years on the Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) and four years on the Planning Board.

My wife Kelly has been a Girl Scout Volunteer and a member of several book clubs. She is a member of the Hopkinton Running Club and plays for the Hopkinton Women's Softball League. Both of our daughters attend Hopkinton Middle School and are active in Girl Scouts, community sports, and dance.

I have supported the efforts of the Elementary School Building Committee over the past two years, and I want to help make sure that the replacement for Center School accommodates changes in our town in a cost-effective manner.

As a parent, I want the Hopkinton schools to continue to excel. As a taxpayer, I want our town officials to be fiscally responsible. I believe that with community involvement, a welcome and open discussion at committee meetings, and fiscal transparency we can provide the excellence in our schools that we want for our children while keeping property taxes in check.

The election on May 18th will have a big impact on the future of our schools. Please come out to vote. I respectfully ask for your support.

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