

My name is John Lumia. My education includes a BA from Marist and a MA in Mathematics from St. John's University. Having taught at Marist College, Dutchess Community College, and Roy C. Ketcham High School for 32 years, I appreciate the importance of providing our students with a solid educational foundation.

I have been a member of the WCSD Board of Education since 2008. I currently serve on the Capital Improvement Committee, the Policy Committee, the Personnel Committee, Long Term Development Committee and District-wide School Safety Team. I am proud that, as a member of the Personnel Committee, I have supported the hiring of not only many of the present Principals and all our Administrators, but also the most qualified teachers.

The 2013 Capital Improvement Committee, of which I have been the chairperson, has overseen many positive improvements to our infrastructure, will be paid in full by eliminating all rentals. The present Capital Improvement Projects will continue improving our infrastructure.

As a member of the Board of Education, we have eliminated the overcrowded conditions by redistricting and having a consistent K-6 configuration. To continue having a successful school district, it is important that our teachers are provided with training opportunities to meet the challenges of a changing world.

Although tests should measure student's learning and teacher's effectiveness, they are not the only way to measure success. Although I am not in favor of inundating students with tests, which may not be age appropriate, I am a supporter of high standards and our locally-developed curriculum to address those standards.

Should I be re-elected, my votes will always be cast with the best interests of the education of our students and for the taxpayers of our district.