

# 2018-2019 Board of Education Candidate Profiles

Personal profiles are provided as a way to introduce each candidate to you, the voter. The candidates are listed in the reverse order of their appearance on the ballot — a practice the District adopted to maintain fairness to all candidates. The candidates with the highest number of votes will fill two open seats and commence three-year terms of office on July 1, 2018.



## Stacey Weisberg

My name is Stacey Weisberg and I am seeking re-election for the Hauppauge Board of Education. I have been a resident of Hauppauge for 18 years, where I live with my husband of 23 years, David and our daughters, Melanie, 17 and Brooke, 15.

I am an elementary educator in the Northport-East Northport School District and have been in the classroom for the past 23 years. I have my BA in Psychology and Elementary Education from Iona College and my Masters in Liberal studies with a concentration in Elementary Education from SUNY Stony Brook. I love working with my students and feel that I have my finger on the pulse of the educational needs of our children. Additionally, I am very active in our community. I am a Girl Scout leader for a troop in SU 26. I have been a Soccer Coach for the Hauppauge Soccer League and a religion teacher at the St. Thomas More R.C. Church.

Hauppauge is a very special place, of which I am proud to be a part of. We have beautiful schools, great teachers and wonderful administrators who all take part in educating our children using the best pedagogy available. I am looking to help continue and accelerate these wonderful practices. As part of the Board of Education, I will continue to help with the solutions that are needed, instead of being stuck on the problems of our past.

I know I can continue to make a difference in helping the District succeed in their responsibility to provide our children with the best education, music, arts and co-curricular activities the District can offer, while still being fiscally responsible and sensitive to the economic realities we all face today.

Thank you for your support.



## Michael Buscarino

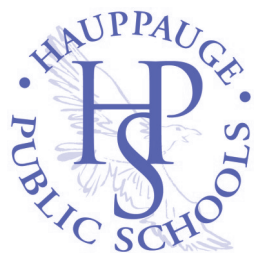
My name is Michael Buscarino. My wife, Nicole, and I have been married since 2003 and have lived in the Hauppauge School District since 2005. I have 5 children; Mackenzie, Colin, Aidan, Ryan and Caitlin. We have found the Hauppauge School District to be a wonderful community in which to raise and educate our family. I currently serve as Assistant Cub Master to Pack 3333. I am an active parent at school and hope to show continued dedication to this community by remaining a Trustee on the Hauppauge Board of Education.

I graduated from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise Science. From 1996 to 1998, I used this education to help design and implement fitness and wellness programs at Paine Webber and Nine West.

In 1998, I left the industry to join the NYPD. In 2000, I left the NYPD to join the Suffolk County Police Department. From 2000 to 2016, I was a patrol officer assigned to the Second Precinct in Huntington. In 2016, I left patrol to become an instructor in the Suffolk County Police Academy where I am currently assigned.

The increased frequency and intensity of violence in schools is a major concern for districts across the nation. Hauppauge's addition of armed security guards, district-wide, is our first step in ensuring a safe learning environment for our children. However, we must continue to work on ways to identify and assist children in crisis as a means to prevent these tragedies from ever occurring. Additionally, the challenges of operating the District in year 7 of the property tax levy cap remain and the need to lobby government for reform is more important than ever.

It has been an honor to serve as a Hauppauge Board of Education Trustee for the past three years and to be a part of a process to place the right people in key leadership roles throughout the District. I believe this was the catalyst to resetting the District, refocusing efforts on providing the very best learning environment for our students and challenging them in new ways to achieve their very best.



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## **REMEMBER TO VOTE!**

**Tuesday, May 15, 2018 • 6:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.**

James Baxter Board Room at Whiporwil School  
495 Hoffman Lane, Hauppauge

### **HELP WANTED: Audit Committee Member**

By law, school districts must maintain an audit committee to enhance oversight of their financial operations. In our District, this committee is comprised of three Board of Education members and three members of the community. The committee conducts a variety of tasks including: meeting periodically with the District's auditors, reviewing draft audit reports, analyzing the District's risk assessment and monitoring the District's progress in implementing corrective actions. ***One community member is needed to serve a three-year term commencing July 2018.***

Volunteers are expected to have professional knowledge and experience in corporate/public finance or related professional disciplines. Familiarity with financial statements, audit reports and the internal and external auditing functions is necessary. CPA certification is strongly preferred. The committee meets throughout the year at a frequency dictated by the fiscal needs of the District. Interested candidates should be available to attend these meetings.

To apply, please email your resume and letter of application to Lori DeGeorge, at [degeorgel@hauppauge.k12.ny.us](mailto:degeorgel@hauppauge.k12.ny.us) or call (631) 761-8207. Your application must be received by June 1, 2018.