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CAUCUS CANDIDATE FOR A 3-YEAR TERM AS A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE



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**Basic Candidate Statement**

I'm Sarah Scoville and I'm running for Bedford School Committee. I wanted to share some of the things I care about so you know what I stand for:

- I value arts education and hope to continue Bedford's commitment to its art curriculum. I taught visual art to high school students for nearly 10 years. Art empowers students through teaching creative expression, and it encourages creative problem solving and strengthens their work in the common core subjects. Art education is essential to encourage future innovation.
- I value differentiated learning. I have three children who each learn in very different ways. Differentiated learning happens when a teacher presents a subject unit in ways that various learning styles can clearly understand the material.
- I would like to see more hands-on project based learning. Project based learning is interactive, collaborative and child centered. The teacher has the flexibility to reach each child where they are - adding challenge for the high achievers and accommodations for the child with learning differences. For example the chickens that live at the Lane School are helping the 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> graders dive deeper into their science curriculum by learning about life cycles as well as internal and external structures of animals.

- I care about the needs of vulnerable children in our school system. I worked for many years to help the homeless families that lived at the Bedford Plaza Hotel. The state is no longer placing homeless families at the hotel, but there are certainly families still living in Bedford who struggle to make ends meet. I would like to be a voice in support of their children's education and success.