

Mike McAllister



Mike McAllister is a life-long resident of Bedford. After graduating from Bedford High School in 1995, he attended Northeastern University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with a concentration in Law and Legal Issues. In 2000 he joined the Winthrop L. Chenery Middle School in Belmont and taught in the Social Studies department for six years before becoming the K-12 Director of Social Studies and Community Service, which included teaching responsibilities at Belmont High School. He served as the Principal of the Daniel Butler Elementary School for seven years and today he is principal of the Chenery Middle School. Along the way, McAllister earned a Master's degree in Education from Harvard University (2000) and has met certification requirements through the Educational Leadership Institute and the National Institute for School Leadership.

Locally, he served on the School Committee for six years (2013-2019) and was Chair of the Committee from 2015 until 2018. Reaching way back, McAllister was a Bedford Day Camp Counselor and Program Leader and was elected to the Bedford Day Camp Counselor Hall of Fame in 1999.

Asked why he was interested in serving on the board of *The Citizen*, McAllister said: "I see The Bedford Citizen as a valuable resource – it informs, encourages, connects and celebrates my home town. I am honored to serve on the board of *The Bedford Citizen* because its central mission is about bringing together the community. I am proud to take part in something I believe strengthens our town."

McAllister lives in Bedford with his wife, Meg, who is also a life-long resident. The two met in high school and were married in 2002. They have two children.