

IT'S TIME FOR TRUTH ABOUT GREENWICH SCHOOLS

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To My Friends and Neighbors,

My name is **Karen Fassuliotis**, and I'm running for the **Board of Estimate and Taxation** (BET) as an **Independent candidate**.

Greenwich **Democrat and Republican** Politicians have once again decided to **make schools their battlefield** to pummel each other. **It's bad for parents, kids, taxpayers and voters.**

Their partisan fights are filled with false information and sometimes outright lies. I can say this with confidence because I've seen more than 8 years of budgets, and, as they say, "I brought receipts".

Misinformation and propaganda spread like wildfire. It tears at our community. It's bad. That's why this year, I'm running as an independent, putting Community Over Politics.

Strong and well-funded schools are critical for the Greenwich Community. It's the reason thousands of families move here. It's a major reason Greenwich thrives because families work hard to stay here.

Here's what I'm committed to and have ALWAYS been committed to:

- **Making sure Greenwich Public Schools have the highest per pupil expenditure in the State. This keeps us competitive with other top school districts**
- **Maintaining** school buildings to **give kids bright, clean and safe learning environments**
- **Funding any special initiative** that can be shown to significantly **improve academic achievement**

Here's where lies and disinformation by political parties get in the way of a calm and intelligent COMMUNITY discussion.

Under the management of Superintendent Jones and an overly politicized Board of Education (Remember the First Selectman was forced to sue certain Board members to uphold the law), critical information like student enrollment, budget expenditures, and steady capital planning is like a game of drunken darts in a bar on Saturday night.

Enrollment forecasts swing wildly by hundreds of students (they are always wrong), millions in **authorized budgets don't get spent**, and **capital project priorities change** like New England weather.

While I've been on the BET,

- **Operating Schools Budgets have increased by more than 20%**
- Teacher Pay has increased every year, and it remains at the top pay in the state. **Experienced teachers make \$133,000 per year.**
- **Average class size is the SAME**
- **School enrollment has shrunk and is continuing to shrink.** Every explanation by the superintendent doesn't hold water – COVID, change in age for kindergarten, change to age in kindergarten again, and now kids entering in the middle of the year.
- GPS has gone **down 800 kids** from when Jones arrived BUT the total number of **educational personnel** (I mean people who are every day in front of kids) **is the same. 1010 in 2019 and 1030 last year**

This is what I see when I vote on budgets. I will always stand up for kids, families and taxpayers.

So why are you reading about a \$4.1Mil “budget cut” that has been made a political issue? Well, that’s a propaganda lie too.

It’s a fact that **Greenwich Schools 2025/26 Budget increased \$6 million dollars. That’s a 3% increase.** Was it less than Toni Jones asked? Yep! Was it less than was needed? Nope.

I bet you don’t know **schools ended in June with a \$2.5Mil SURPLUS...**that rolls over to this budget year.

I bet you don’t know that **school enrollment shrunk another 121 kids this year.** Jones forecast? Wrong again.

At \$28K per kid, **that’s \$3.39Mil in excess funding** that no one on the BET is asking for back.

And the busing issue? The BOE had more than enough money to not go through the busing fiasco.

If you watched the LWV public debate this week, you would have heard Democrats and Republicans beat each other over the head, repeating false information and political propaganda. They just care about winning and gladly use kids and parents as pawns in their campaigns.

Unlike them, **I stand for an intelligent, fact-based community discussion about schools. NOT USING SCHOOLS FOR POLITICAL PARTY GRUDGE MATCHES. I stand for Community Over Politics!**

This election you will find me on the Independent line of the ballot. With your **vote on November 4th, (or earlier, starting on October 20th)**, together, we can show that community-driven decisions rise above politics as usual.

Together we can make a difference!

For more about my platform, visit www.karen-4-bet.com or feel free to email me at karen4bet@gmail.com

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