



Samantha M. Mannion

Candidate for Board Education, New Fairfield

Samantha is currently on the **New Fairfield Board of Education**.

Samantha Mannion is a 25-year resident of New Fairfield., and is currently on the Board of Education. During her term, she has chaired the hiring committee for the Superintendent, the Special Education Subcommittee, the Policy Subcommittee, and is the BOE liaison to the School Safety and Security Committee.

Ms. Mannion is the Program Coordinator for the Criminal Justice Program and the Administrator for the Political Science Department at Housatonic Community College. She is an attorney, and a Professor of Criminal Justice and Political Science. Prior to teaching, she worked in various agencies within the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Her legal areas of expertise are international criminal, constitutional and human rights law. Ms. Mannion is a member of the Fairfield County Detectives' Conference, a certified parliamentarian, and a trained Title IX Coordinator.

Ms. Mannion was a Girl Scout leader for many years. Today, she regularly volunteers at St. Edward's, and in the schools with her trained therapy dogs. She loves living in New Fairfield with her husband and four children and has been honored to serve the town for the past four years. Ms. Mannion initially moved here with her husband because of the wonderful school system and recognizes the crucial role that the school district plays in the overall community climate.

Samantha understands the importance of commitment to the **Board of Education** and its important role in serving all the citizens of New Fairfield.

If elected, Samantha pledges to:

- Continue improvement of our physical schools, as well as ongoing curricular and academic growth, to ensure that the needs of all learners are being met at the highest level, and that our students are ready to meet the challenges of higher education and the workforce.
- Promote more educational programming and opportunities for students with special needs, with a focus on enabling older special needs students to engage in transition experiences within New Fairfield and the surrounding community.
- Work to Continue efforts and forward momentum across all town boards to ensure the absolute safety and security of staff and students in the New Fairfield School District.

“We have a responsibility to the future to create learners that will contribute to the workforce and the world in a meaningful way. This board has worked well together to improve our district and create better outcomes for students, but there is much more work to be done. We owe it to the children in this town to approach that job with great diligence and responsibility.”