



Michelle M O’Gara

Candidate for Board Education, New Fairfield

Michelle O’Gara grew up on Long Island. Michelle and her husband Patrick bought their house here in 2017 just before the birth of their son. Michelle has a BA in Psychology from the University at Albany, a MS in Teaching (Childhood and Special Education) from Pace University, and a M.Ed in Educational Leadership & Administration from the College of St. Rose.

Michelle has been an educator over the past decade. For a majority of her career she taught students with disabilities in the heart of the South Bronx. This is Michelle’s third year as a Central

Office Administrator in the Poughkeepsie City School District, where she supervises and coordinates Special Education throughout the district. Her priority in life is to always put children first, advocating fiercely for their needs and their futures. Michelle understands the importance of bipartisanship and working together in the best interest of those being served. She hopes to bring a sense of freshness, energy, and enthusiasm, building upon the progress the town has already made over the past few years. She is excited for her son and all the other children in New Fairfield to reap the benefits of all the changes that have been, and are continuing to be made, which move our schools forward physically, instructionally, and digitally.

Michelle understands the importance of commitment to the **Board of Education** and its important role in serving all the citizens of New Fairfield. Michelle pledges to work together cooperatively and across party lines with our other boards and commissions to serve the residents of New Fairfield.

If elected, Michelle pledges to:

- Ensure our students are prepared throughout their school careers to be well-rounded stewards to the future of our town and the world.
- Always put children first, and advocate fiercely for their needs and their futures.
- Ensure instructional plans for ALL K-12 students support pathways to successful futures after graduation.

“It would be my honor to serve on the Board of Education on behalf of the citizens of New Fairfield. I will always put children first, and advocate fiercely for their needs, and their pathways to successful futures after graduation. We must work collaboratively as a board with the citizens of our town and our school leaders to ensure the best outcomes for all of our students. Our invaluable school district staff deserve our full support. We have a duty to make sure our students are prepared throughout their school careers to be well-rounded stewards to the future of our town and the world.”

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