

My name is Traci Donnelly and I am deeply honored and delighted to have the opportunity to serve on the Port Jefferson School Board, a community that I not only call home but also deeply cherish. My commitment to our village and its future generations is a driving force behind my decision and dedication to contributing positively to our educational system.

As the CEO of The Child Center of NY, I manage the organization's financial sustainability across six business verticals, handling complex city, state, and federally funded contracts with a keen focus on long-term financial viability. This includes a \$97.1 million budget and overseeing services that cater to over 58,000 children and families annually across all five boroughs of NYC and parts of Long Island.

My career in education began in the Port Jefferson School District, where I taught special education across K-12 levels for six years. This role provided valuable insights into student needs and fueled my decision to move to Port Jefferson and enroll my son, Drew, in our esteemed public schools.

In my executive role, I am responsible for managing over 1,300 employees across five unions, ensuring that tough, fiscally responsible decisions are made to maintain the highest quality of services. My extensive knowledge in managing state bonding projects, amounting to well over \$60 million, has equipped me with the skills necessary to ensure the financial health and strategic growth of our educational programs. Additionally, my involvement in policy development through Mayor Bill de Blasio's Education Sector Advisory Council and Mayor Eric Adams' Community Mental Health Subcommittee has allowed me to significantly influence educational policies that extend beyond traditional academic frameworks.

With a proven track record in managing complex budgets, making informed financial decisions, and advocating for innovative educational policies, I am dedicated to promoting an educational environment in Port Jefferson that supports both the academic and personal growth of our students, ensuring the sustainability and excellence of our school system.