

My name is Michael Weaver and I have been a resident of the Port Jefferson School District since 2016. I am a Social Studies teacher in a neighboring school district and have been teaching there for 23 years. Since 2005, I have also been the Varsity Volleyball coach in that district and have also coached basketball and baseball. I am also a union rep and the student government advisor. My coaching has not been limited to just the district in which I work, but I have also coached in this district and have attended many events and meetings and given my support and input to benefit the Port Jefferson schools and programs.

In addition to my work in the schools, I am a head coach for Long Island Volleyball Club where I not only coach my team but am involved in the business aspects and organization of that program. My wife Melissa and I both grew up in Suffolk County, attended local colleges, and are raising our two amazing boys, one who has just started his educational journey at our Elementary School.

Our school district here in Port Jefferson is unique. It has the benefit of intimate, small classes, a dedicated and invested staff, involved parents, a PTSA, a PTA and a SEPTA , booster clubs, as well as a supportive village community. The students of Port Jefferson benefit because these groups work together to make the educational experience, and the whole school experience, one that we as a community can and should be proud of.

I am running for the Board of Education because I believe it is in everyone's best interest, especially our students, for us to continue to support, maintain and improve our schools. We should continue to expand and enhance the opportunities for our children as they become adult members of our community and may one day also raise their families here, since Port Jefferson does have many generations of families who have attended these schools.

There are many challenges faced by Long Island school districts today, especially financial, and there will be many new challenges in the future, and we will need to work together, to meet these challenges, and come up with successful ways to overcome them and continue to make the experiences and education of our students the best possible, keeping with the traditions and values of this Port Jefferson community.

I look forward to working with the administration, staff, parents, community members and the other volunteer members of the Board of Education to make sure that our children are able to benefit from the experience we have here in Port Jefferson.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me and I will be happy to answer.