

Tracy Zamek has lived in Port Jefferson with her husband, Gary, a lifetime resident and PJ Royals Class of 1985, for 28 years. Both of their children are graduates of Earl L. Vandermeulen High School. When queried, Tracy described herself as a woman who “wears many hats.” Her first hat is that of an educator. Tracy has been a dedicated elementary school teacher in the Hauppauge School District for 22 years. Presently, she teaches 5th grade. Most recently, Tracy was honored with Hauppauge’s *Superintendent’s Eagle Award*, a prestigious honor which recognizes a Hauppauge employee for his or her “*unwavering dedication to the District by exemplifying commitment, compassion, generosity, kindness, and professionalism.*” Tracy’s second hat is that of a school board trustee.

Tracy has been a committed trustee of the Port Jefferson School Board for nine years. For this - her 4th term as trustee - she pursues a seat for the same reason she did when she first began her Port Jefferson BOE journey: Tracy Zamek believes that “our students and their needs come first!” To this end, as a Port Jefferson Board member, Tracy has chaired both the Curriculum Committee and the Policy Committee and has been a member of the Facilities, Audit, and Finance Committees. Additionally, for the past 5 years, Tracy has served as the PJ Board of Education’s Vice President.

Tracy’s final hat is that of a dedicated parent. Her son graduated from Port Jefferson School District in 2023 and is now finishing up his freshman year at Louisiana State University. Her daughter graduated from Port Jefferson School District in 2021 and is concluding her junior year at Marist College. Following in both her and her husband’s (Gary Zamek is a retired Longwood educator) footsteps, both of Tracy’s children are majoring in education. While wearing her parent hat, Tracy has been a member of Port Jefferson’s PTA and SEPTA. She chaired the Scraggy Hill 50th Anniversary Committee and participated in many other committees including PARP and Pre-K/Kindergarten Event. She was also a member of the Royal Educational Foundation, and the founder of its *Power of One-Family Fun Run*.

Tracy believes that Port Jefferson is a special place. In her own words, Tracy “instantly fell in love with this village when I moved here in 1996. I became a member of the Port Jefferson Country Club to enjoy golf and our club’s breathtaking views of Long Island Sound. I also joined the Port Jefferson Softball League and I continue to play today. I believe this village offers many outstanding opportunities to people and, most importantly, to our children. Port Jefferson School District continues to pursue and to reach remarkable academic milestones. Our music and arts programs are among the best in America and we have a long list of athletic achievements. It is my belief that a school system should provide a well-rounded education, promote a strong sense of community, and focus on preparing students for the future...and this includes addressing our students’ social and emotional needs as well as focusing on all academic needs of every child. To this end, if chosen to serve a 4th term, I will work tirelessly to support teachers in their professional growth and help provide them with the resources they need to deliver innovative and engaging instruction for every child in our District. We are living in challenging times and we may have to think ‘outside the box’ over these next few years. I am ready and eager to use my vast experience to get to work because investing in our schools - whether I am in my educator, school board, or parent hat - is a privilege and top priority for me.