

## QEA Endorses Three For School Committee

The Quincy Education Association announces it has endorsed candidates Kate Campbell, Tom Leung and Marsha Roos for seats on the Quincy School Committee.

In a press release, the QEA stated that on July 31, the Quincy Education Association's Candidate Recommendation Committee interviewed five of the candidates for School Committee. The sixth candidate did not seek its endorsement. The CRC is comprised of QEA members from preK-12 who also live in the city of Quincy.

In making its endorsements, the QEA stated:

"As the former co-president of the City-Wide Parent Teacher Organization in Quincy, Kate Campbell has been a long-time advocate for the children and families in the Quincy Public Schools. In addition, she currently serves as the director of a cooperative preschool in Cambridge. The committee was impressed with her background in early education and her knowledge of special-education services that span the gamut from preschool through grade 12. Campbell also spoke about the mental health crisis affecting students and how educators and support staff need to have training that will allow them to help every child learn and grow.

"Tom Leung, a lifelong Quincy resident and graduate of Quincy Public Schools, is a financial analyst for Brown Brothers Harriman in Boston. He currently has three children enrolled in Quincy Public Schools at the elementary and middle-school levels. Leung spoke about his experience as a QPS student and the success he was able to achieve because of the strong public schools he encountered as the son of immigrants. The committee believes the combination of Leung's personal attachment to QPS and his data-driven business perspective will provide a potent and useful lens for the School Committee.

"Finally, Marsha Roos has been a guidance counselor for

decades in neighboring Braintree. Roos has witnessed firsthand how students' behaviors and emotional needs have increased exponentially since the Covid pandemic. She understands fundamentally that the current social and emotional needs of public school students currently outpaces staffing levels across the state. We believe she will be a fierce advocate for addressing the needs of students and for promoting equal access to programs for all kids across the district."

The QEA also stated:

"The members of the Executive Board and the Candidate Recommendation Committee unanimously believe that the perspectives of these three candidates will help the school committee to focus on current issues and to anticipate new concerns before they even arise. We also believe these candidates will be strong advocates for the School Committee to work openly and transparently with the community, parents, and educators to improve, protect, and enrich the Quincy Public School system. We encourage all of our members registered to vote in Quincy to cast ballots for these three splendid candidates on Nov. 4."

There are six candidates vying for three seats on the School Committee ballot Tuesday, Nov. 4. They are: incumbent Tina M. Cahill of 51 Grenwold Rd., Kaiman Lee of 42 Presidents Ave., Kate Campbell of 37 Cranch St., Tom Leung of 40 Huntley Rd., former school board member Frank Santoro of 14 Lois Terr., and Marsha A. Roos of 8 Park St.

The QEA is the largest municipal union in Quincy with almost 1,000 members working as professional educators in Quincy Public Schools as well as Quincy College. A local affiliate of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, the MTA has more than 800 members who live in the city of Quincy.

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the next generation will celebrate our differences, learn from one another, and reject hate and discrimination in all

## MA House Passes Bill To Better Identify, Prevent Human Trafficking

In an effort to identify and prevent human trafficking, the Massachusetts House of Representatives recently passed legislation that requires lodging facilities, such as hotels, motels, lodging houses, and bed-and-breakfasts, to require their employees to participate in a human trafficking recognition training program.

The bill also requires these facilities to post in plain view in the lobby or common area, and in any public restroom a written notice developed by the attorney general, which should include the national human trafficking hotline number.

"One of the primary responsibilities that we have as elected officials is to ensure the safety of our constituents. This legislation provides the tools necessary for our hospitality workers to identify and prevent human trafficking ultimately saving lives and increasing public safety," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "I want to thank Chairman Cahill and Chairman Walsh for advocating for this legislation, as well as all my colleagues in the House for recognizing the importance of these efforts."

"Human trafficking is a heinous crime that often hides in plain sight. By equipping frontline hotel employees with the tools and training to recognize the signs, we are taking a critical step toward prevention and early intervention," said Representative Dan Cahill (D-Lynn), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. "This legislation sends a clear message that Massachusetts is committed to protecting vulnerable individuals and holding traffickers accountable."

"I've seen firsthand how human traffickers exploit the I-95 corridor, using hotels to transport and harm victims. This afternoon, we took a meaningful step forward to eradicate the crime of human trafficking, uphold human dignity and ensure justice and protection for victims. I appreciate the cooperation and collaboration of the lodging industry, hospitality workers' union, law enforcement, and survivors."