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Londonderry senior Alyssa Beaulieu has her hair cut by friends Genevieve Martin, Ava Amaro and Kait Koza during the high school's annual Day of Giving. Over 40 students had their hair cut during this year's event. Photo by Chris Paul

LHS Day of Giving Carries On, With In-Person Audience

MELISSA RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Friday, Feb. 18, the Londonderry High School senior class gathered in the LHS gymnasium to witness their fellow Lancers, some alumni, and some family members gather to give at least eight inches of their hair to strangers losing their own hair to cancer treatments.

This was the first time having an audience back at the assembly since restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic forced LHS to hold it remotely last year.

The event was made possible thanks to the efforts of the school's Pep Rally team, who LHS English Teacher and Day of Giving coordinator Steven Juster said

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School District CFO Peter Curro Retiring This Year

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Tuesday Feb. 15, School Board meeting it was announced that the longtime Business Administrator Peter Curro is expected to retire at the end of the school year, and members need pick someone to serve on the Business Administrator/CFO Search Committee.

Superintendent Scott Laliberte said that they are hoping to begin the search for the next Business Administrator soon.

"We know we can't wait much longer to

search for our next CFO," said Laliberte.

Laliberte, who is also retiring, said that the Superintendent search is "well underway," and said that they are going to overlap the two searches.

"The hope would be that there would be a successful candidate for the Superintendency who would be able to join in the tail end of that process as well," said Laliberte.

Laliberte said like they have done in the past they wanted to have two School Board members serving on the search committee.

"We would love to have board representation," said Laliberte.

School Board members Bob Slater and School Board Vice Chair Sara Loughlin volunteered to serve on the committee which the Board approved of.

In other business, the School Board got a COVID-19 update from Laliberte.

It was explained by Laliberte that the number of COVID-19 cases has decreased tremendously over the last few weeks. At the time of the meeting they only had 15 active cases accord-

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Mike Malaguti is Named as Acting Town Manager

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Mike Malaguti, the Assistant Town Solicitor for the Town of Londonderry, was appointed as the Acting Town Manager at a recent Town Council meeting after Kevin Smith resigned in order to pursue his campaign for the United States Senate full-time.

The Town Council approved the resignation of Smith during the Monday night, Feb. along with appointing Malaguti to the position for 120 days.

"I am humbled that the Town Council has

entrusted me with the duties of Town Manager on an acting basis. In this capacity, I will devote all my energy to implementing the Town Council's policy objectives and delivering the services residents have come to expect," said Malaguti.

Malaguti a Andover Massachusetts native currently lives in Pelham New Hampshire with his wife Catherine along with their two dogs.

He is a graduate of Merrimack College, and the University New Hampshire School of Law, where he graduated in 2011.

When asked what he plans on focusing on during his 120 days as Acting Town Manager Malaguti said "I intend to emphasize transparency, explaining as much as possible what town government does, and why we are doing it, while at the same time making it easier for the

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Dickey Street Auto Business Appealing Town Decision

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During the Feb. 16 Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting the Board heard an administrative appeal regarding a decision made in November by Zoning Administrator Nick Codner.

The administrative appeal was for 6 Dickey Street which is owned by Leon and Tamara Lampes. Representing the owners was Brenda Keith from the Boutin Law Firm in Londonderry.

Keith explained that in 2015 the owners purchased the property and the previous building inspector indicated that they could operate a wholesale auto business at the location. After getting the okay from the building inspector they got their license from the State in order to

have a wholesale business.

She said that at that point the owners invested more than \$20,000 into the business.

In 2017 Keith said that they began to look into whether or not they could switch to a retail business.

"There seemed to be some roadblocks," said Keith.

Because of that Keith said that the owners continued with the wholesale business and then rented a spot in Derry for their retail business.

In February 2021 Keith said that the owners went to the Planning Board for a conceptual plan to switch from wholesale to retail. They realized that because of the many regulations they would have to meet in order to swap the type of business they

decided not to move forward.

In the fall of 2021 Keith said that Codner stopped by the business and said that the Town received some complaints that they were running a retail business and not a wholesale business.

The owners explained that they were running a wholesale business only and Codner told them to put up a sign that they are wholesale only and it's not open to the public.

"They immediately complied," said Keith.

Keith said a month later he came back with the code enforcement officer and indicated that they had to get rezoned or apply for site plan review.

It was explained by Keith that it was the first time that the Town indicated to them that they

couldn't operate retail or wholesale without getting approval.

"These folks have relied on the Town's position since 2015," said Keith.

It was explained by Keith that there is case law that protects them from the Town changing position based on zoning or regulations. She

said that the owners also relied on what the Town staff had originally told them.

Lampes said that they have signatures from the State and the building inspector in 2015, 2017, and 2019 in order to continue operating but didn't have the paperwork at the meeting.

Jacqueline Benard, the Vice Chair of the Board said that they need the paperwork in order to make a decision.

"We would like to have that paperwork," said Benard.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment ultimately agreed to continue the case.

Curro

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ing to Laliberte.

He said that they made the transition to optional masking and said that it has been going well.

"It appears to be holding up very well," said Laliberte.

Also during the meet-

ing the School Board accepted a number of retirements.

They included Denise Bernier a teacher at Londonderry Middle School, Calvin Berting, a teacher at Londonderry High School, Linda Boyd, the Principal at South School, Laura Brulet, a teacher at Moose Hill, Maria Del Rossi a teacher at South

School, Paula Duyon a teacher at Moose Hill, Sheila Howley a school nurse at Londonderry High School, Aline Kelly a SPED Assistant at Moose Hill, Susan Provenzano a teacher at Londonderry High School, Nancy Rael a teacher at North School, and Kate Thompson a Librarian at North School.

Malaguti

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public to access information about our work. My personal approach to any big task, such as the one before me, is to start by doing more listening than talking, and then to act carefully and deliberately toward improvements and solutions."

"In my prior role, and in my first week as Acting Town Manager, I've spent a lot of time speaking directly with residents about their concerns. What I've heard is that residents prioritize fiscal restraint over almost everything else," said Malaguti. "People don't mind spending



Mike Malaguti

money, but it should be for only the most necessary of purposes. We have a fine tradition in New Hampshire of government being helpful and responsive, but still having a light touch. I intend to be a good steward of this tradition. Lastly, in my discussions with residents, I've

heard a lot of concern about water quality. This is a huge issue for Londonderry, one I've been heavily involved with in my prior role, and there are a lot of different possible solutions. Water quality will be a focus of my time as Acting Town Manager."

Prior to becoming the acting Town Manager, Malaguti served as the prosecutor for the Londonderry Police Department.

Before working in Londonderry he was in private practice with the law firm Ransmeier & Spellman in Concord New Hampshire where he had a general practice with an emphasis on civil litigation.



LONDONDERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT Superintendent Community Survey

The superintendent search committee would like your input to help with the search process. If you would like to give your input you may scan the QR code (and complete the survey digitally) or you may complete this paper copy and mail or drop it off at district office (6a Kitty Hawk Landing, Londonderry NH 03053). **The deadline for the survey is March 11, 2022.**

- Please indicate which constituent group you represent.
☐ Parent/Guardian ☐ Community Member ☐ Student ☐ Faculty/Staff ☐ Administrator
- What areas of expertise of school district leadership are most important for the Londonderry School District? Please rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 5 being the least important (please rank even if you think all are important)
☐ Distinguished record of improving student performance
☐ Educational leadership that emphasizes curriculum, instruction, and assessment
☐ Effective communication and community engagement
☐ Emphasizes staff development and team building
☐ Budget and finance expertise
- What are the most important personal qualities for the next superintendent in Londonderry? Please rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 7 being the least important (please rank even if you think all are important)
☐ A strong focus on student academic and personal growth
☐ A clear and compelling vision for district success; an educational visionary
☐ Self-confident problem solver and decision maker
☐ Courage to do the right thing for students and the district in the face of opposition
☐ Integrity and professionalism
☐ Effective team builder
☐ Accessible, approachable, and visible within the schools and community
- Please list 2-3 other success factors or qualities of a new superintendent you see as essential for the district.



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Day of Giving

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 "Put in hours preparing the event, all morning putting in ponytails, and making the day magical."

Because the event had the return of a live audience, the National Honor Society was able to bring back the traditional Day of Giving "Miracle Minute." This year, funds collected went to benefit the National Alliance on Mental Illness, an organization especially vital in today's uncertain times.

"Mental health for both children and adults is in dire need of attention," said Jennifer Cutuli, second grade teacher at South Elementary school, and mother to an LHS sophomore. "As a country, we need to address it and not keep band-aiding it. Hopefully those funds will help...get to a better path to mental health as a community."

The Day of Giving has gained LHS national attention in years past, and has drawn a few out-of-towners in to become a part of Lancer Nation.

LHS Senior Makenna Lord said that being a resident of Hooksett, she had a few options when it came to

enrolling in high school, and said the Day of Giving was one of a few things that helped guide her decision.

Though she hasn't known anyone who has gone through cancer, the impact hair donation had on others still resonated with Lord, who had first donated her own hair when she was in the seventh grade.

"Knowing that I'm changing people's lives who I don't know, knowing something as simple as giving my hair can help give them the confidence they need is special to me," said Lord.

Cutuli was also able to give her hair in person, thanks to a lucky snow storm on the original date of Day of Giving 2022.

"I got up that day and emailed Mister Juster saying, 'I know it's last minute, but can I get in if you reschedule?' and he said 'Absolutely!' I was so excited for that snow day, for more than just a day off!" she said.

Cutuli said that seeing what her mother-in-law went through while battling breast cancer made her see what a difference hair donation



Hair donators are welcomed with confetti at the annual Day of Giving at LHS. Photo by Chris Paul

could make.

"It's amazing the amount of things cancer takes from people that people don't think about," said Cutuli.

Both of Sophomore Jillian Mazzola's parents had gone through some form of cancer at one point, but are now thankfully cancer free. Still, Mazzola said that the desire to help others was part of what inspired her to donate for the first time.

"It's kind of like a rare opportunity to help someone who you won't ever know, but you'll know it is making a big impact," said Mazzola.

Senior Larissa Dillon also had a seat on the floor, and had brought a very special guest with

her, with the help of smart phone technology.

Dillon had initially planned for Londonderry Middle School student and Dillon family friend Lexi Adams to cut her hair, but due to the intensity of Adams's cancer treatment weakening her immune system, Dillon's boyfriend made the physical cut with Adams by her side via facetime.

Adams had first been diagnosed with cancer in the third grade. While she had overcome her first battle, tragically, the cancer would return

a few years later.

"I watched her slowly lose her hair, and (saw) how she seemed more upset and self-conscious," explained Dillon. "I decided I would donate in honor of her."

Though restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic have lingered, Lancer Nation remains as determined as ever to keep up the tradition of having its Day of Giving take place on the gym floor, rather than to collect the hair separately.

Mazzola commented that the excitement of seeing her fellow students giving their hair

was part of what helped motivate her to give her own, and without that others might not have that same motivation.

Lord echoed those sentiments, adding that holding the Day of Giving assembly gives the cause more recognition.

While giving up one's hair to give to those losing their own is a noble cause in and of itself, students agree that to experience the magic of giving alongside their peers leaves a much bigger impact, leading more to follow by example.

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Editorial

Prepare to Vote

Election Day in most towns in the state is March 8. In the days between now and then, we hope you'll listen to candidates speak, read their words, and ask them about the issues that concern you.

The March election has no state or national candidates, and that's traditionally bad news for voter turnout. We remind you, however, that your vote has far more impact on local government races than it ever will on the state or federal level.

Equally important are the warrant articles on both the town and school ballots whether it's the school budget or a request for a something, or funding for other things. Town and school requests should be handled the way you handle your checkbook can you afford it? Is it a necessity or a luxury? Is it something you can put off, or is that a false economy that will cost much more later on?

If you don't understand what you're being asked to approve, seek the answer. The right to vote is important, but it carries with it the responsibility of understanding the issues. It shouldn't sway your vote that the budget committee or your neighbor favors or dislikes a warrant article or candidate.

There are also Needs versus wants on many ballots. Choose wisely.

Candidates were asked why they're seeking office. Also warrant articles were reviewed, and have been written about for several weeks in this paper. Here are a few pointers: On a bond, pay attention to the financial obligation imposed for each year of the bond. The money will come out of your pocket for the life of the bond.

How about a union contract? If it covers just one year, its costs are likely to be clear. But most contracts are for two to five years. Make sure you understand the costs attached to each additional year you won't be asked to vote on it in future years, but the money will be added to the overall budget and will be part of your tax bill.

Get the full picture. Because the choice is yours, and each article has pros and cons, and it pays to listen to both sides.

Many people like to pride themselves on their patriotism. There's not a much better way to express your patriotism than by heading to the polls and making informed choices.

So for your own good and the good of the community, please vote March 8.

Letters

Vote Maureen Hardy

To the editor,

I believe Maureen Hardy would be an asset to the Londonderry Budget Committee. Her qualifications show her to be a person capable of critical thinking with impressive leadership skills. Please consider her candidacy.

Diane G. Luszcz
Londonderry

Vote Killien & Porter

To the editor,

I am writing this letter in the hopes that changes are made on the Londonderry school board. I am endorsing Rachael Killien and Tim Porter. I live on Quentin Dr., and have been following what has been going on with this school Board for the last 2 years, now going on 3 years.

I am a grandmother and have grandsons in Londonderry schools and this mask mandate has been such a fiasco.

I never understood why this school board stood so firm on masks and why after 2 years they could not of made it optional along time ago.

To me that seemed the appropriate way to go. Those that wanted their children in masks had their rights honored and those that did not did the same.

I spend some of my time in Florida and have two grandsons here and they have been in school, mask optional for over a year and a half. They are flourishing. Not so much in NH. 1st grade and 4th grades here in Florida.

In my opinion the school board has held these parents/children hostage long enough. They are not medical experts and if they want to wear masks. So be it.

But these young children especially, have not seen faces for two years.

And how there suppose to learn to read being masked up is impossible.

The have lost enough time in their education. And I'm sure lots of children are suffering.

So please constitutes of Londonderry, consider your votes March 8 for these 2 eligible candidates who are there to protect every child in the school system.

Ann Sarmanian
Londonderry

Vote Gray and Butcher

To the editor,

As a parent and a taxpayer in Londonderry, I am excited about the opportunities presented in the upcoming school board elections. We have two candidates who have proven their commitment to children and education over the years through consistent hard work.

Kevin Gray is a masters educated professional who spends his free time volunteering for community activities. For the last several years, Kevin has coached multiple youth sports throughout the year. Kevin has coached my son and I am always impressed with his positive approach to every situation. He also volunteers as president of the North School PTA, where he focuses on the needs of the school community. Kevin is not an ideologue. He always seems to leave a situation better than he found it, through practicality, cooperation, and hard work.

Amanda Butcher has dedicated her extensive education and professional experience to the pursuit of improving the educational experience of students. She has worked with children, parents, teachers, and administrators to get things done. She is aware of the strengths and challenges schools face because

she is working with the schools. While she has a great deal of systemic knowledge, she is also wise enough to admit when she needs to do more research or speak to people who know more. Most importantly, Amanda is prepared to stand up for public education to ensure Londonderry's children get a top-notch education.

I hope my neighbors will join me in voting for these candidates on March 8.

Kristan Mazaka
Londonderry

Vote Racheal Killian & Tim Porter

To the editor,

I have lived in Londonderry for 34 years and raised 3 children, 2 of whom now reside here.

I have 2 grandchildren in the school system and 2 to join them shortly. I am writing this letter to promote Racheal and Tim for the School Board.

This past summer I attended many school board meetings and Racheal Killian always came prepared with her notebook full of rules and regulations. She spoke often, always on point, and presented professionally. She showed the passion she has for the teachers, the school system and most importantly, the children and their needs. She taught me a lot (sad to say) about the school board. She has a very accomplished background which includes her education with a BA in Elementary Education, Master of Arts in English Language Learning and earned a Post Baccalaureate Endorsement in TESOL. Her career includes teaching students in 5 states as well as working on numerous committees focused on academic policy and spending.

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She truly wants to help our community with transparency regarding the school board budget, updating the school charter (not done since 1989), supporting parental involvement and doing what is best for each child. She is a parents' choice candidate, something I have not seen in the other candidates.

I also got to know of Tim Porter during these meetings. He was part of the school board's COVID reopening task force. He was always very knowledgeable and presented facts in support of his opinions. He grew up with his brothers in Londonderry and now they all reside here and are raising their families. He is also a parents' choice candidate. He also supports parental involvement. He is a financial advisor and runs a business here in town. He is very comfortable managing large amounts of money and knows how to cut spending in appropriate places. He is also for transparency of the school board budget. People already trust him with millions of dollars and their life savings. They know he will always make proper decisions. With his experience, he would be a great asset to the school board to help curb spending and keep our real estate taxes in check.

Please go out on March 8 and join me in voting for Racheal Killian And Tim

Porter for our School Board.
Stephen Barker
Londonderry

Gray & Butcher for School Board

To the editor,

It is my pleasure and honor to endorse Kevin Gray and Amanda Butcher for the School Board. I believe in these candidates for the positivity and commitment that they show in their personal and professional lives. Since the early resignation of two School Board members in 2021, our community has suffered an ever-deepening divide. I believe that our School Board should act and speak as a unified front, with public education at the forefront of their intentions. There are no two candidates more qualified to do this.

We need candidates we can believe in and who are altruistic with their commitment to the community. Kevin and Amanda show evidence of that behavior in spades. Kevin is actively committed to his kids' education. Besides being in his second presiding term at the North School PTA, he coaches several sports teams. What he will not tell you is that he stepped up to coach a team his kids do not play in, because otherwise they would not have a coach. That is commitment, that is altruism with no expectation. Amanda is a skilled and experienced educational and behav-

ioral consultant and is exceedingly well-versed in educational relations. She likes to dive deep into the crux of any problem and collaborate with key teams to provide guidance to bring forward the best solution that will implement positive change. She brings humor, a kind understanding, and grace to her job.

Character and integrity are paramount in this race and will serve these two candidates well if elected to the School Board. Kevin and Amanda are knowledgeable, approachable, and deeply vested in our town. They genuinely want to help our community heal, they want to move on in a positive manner, and arm our teachers and administrators with the right tools to recuperate the general loss of learning that our student population has suffered during the pandemic.

Kevin has a head for business and a logical approach to problem solving. His background in IT and business directorship demonstrates his acumen for critical thinking, and with 20 years of experience in team building, he has proved creative with finding solutions for issues that may arise. His personality and training means he seeks proactive long-term planning; he is diplomatic and a strong leader when unexpected circumstances arise. His reactive behavior would be a studied compromise, not passionate defensiveness.

Amanda has that win-

ning combination of being cool headed, with a warm personality. She is approachable and likable and has a sharp brain and kind heart. She is someone who her friends and family know will work tirelessly to uphold Londonderry's reputation and school system. She is strong but not litigious, she is kind but never weak. She is what we need.

As a fellow parent, local taxpayer, 15+ years active community volunteer, I beseech every Londonderry resident to cast their vote for these candidates on March 8. These two candidates have the best for our community at heart.

Caroline Edwards
Londonderry

Support Butcher, School Board

To the editor,

I have known Amanda Butcher personally for 7 years now. Her character, empathy, and expertise will make her an amazing addi-

tion to the School Board. These are the things I know to be true.

Amanda's role as an ABA Consultant in NH School Districts is her passion. She wants the best for all children and is well-versed in special education law. Amanda has worked her way up in roles throughout the years and truly loves her work, fighting for children's educational rights under the IDEA.

Amanda brings her passion for children home, first as a mother, as one would expect, but secondarily, to her friend's children. When I met Amanda, our children were very little - the age where you have play dates just for mother's sanity. From the very first play date, Amanda treated my children as her own, snuggling them when they fell, reminding them of rules and boundaries, and celebrating their milestones. Even with her two children under two and my

three under four, she never hesitated to offer to watch any number of my children while I volunteered at school, ran an errand, or went to an appointment.

Amanda's sense of inclusion, and her extensive experience, is clear when we gather with friends. Our group of children, with its variety of ages, also comes with a variety of personalities and temperaments. When asked, Amanda offers her professional opinion on child behavior for desired outcomes, while also modeling appropriate and expected behavior. This has been a tremendous benefit when kids in the play date have needed sensory breaks. Amanda has really fostered an environment where sensory breaks are not only welcomed, but accepted. The other children in the group have been raised to be accepting of these breaks, and to recognize the normalcy of all children being

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different. Acceptance of differences is valuable for both adults and children to have, and Amanda has a clear way of communicating this in an age-appropriate way.

Finally, Amanda is a caring and compassionate friend. She reaches out when a friend is in need, to check in when there has been a lag in communication, and to cheer on during times of accomplishment and success. She is open to conversations of concern, feedback, and discourse, and she is both apologetic and forgiving, leading with humility. Amanda stands up for her friends in every way possible; they are an extension of her family. I have no doubt that Amanda cares deeply about our community, and she will advocate for all children.

It is for these reasons, and so many more, that I wholeheartedly support Amanda Butcher for the two year School Board position.

Colleen Ramsey
Londonderry

Please Vote

To the editor,

I consider myself a townie having lived in Londonderry most of my life. Graduated from Londonderry Central (Matthew

Thornton). I have seen this town grow in many ways. Some ways to like some not. My dad helped build Rte 93 ...High Range Rd was dirt... could play hop scotch on Pillsbury... times sure have changed I hope people get out to vote...we need this more than ever in our Town.

I have watched meetings on our town channel and I will support Tim Porter and Rachel Killian for school board, John Farrell and Chad Franz for Town Council, Maureen Hardy and Jan Huttala Budget Committee, and Library Trustees Heather Carey Vicki Stachowske.

Donna Zannoni
Londonderry

Supporting Farrell

To the editor,

I am writing to ask the voters of Londonderry to re-elect John Farrell to the Londonderry Town Council on March 8. He has done a great job on the Town Council during these difficult times and deserves another term. He puts a lot of time and effort in this position that people don't always see. One thing people do see is the Town Council meeting and John keeps them running smoothly, which can be a difficult job.

I highly recommend voting for him on March 8 and will gladly be doing so

myself.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Brian Macdonald
Londonderry

Franz for Town Council

To the editor,

I am writing this letter in support of Chad Franz who is running for Town Council. I first met Chad when he was the chair for the School Board Task Force. I was always impressed by his patience and fairness to all members of the Task Force, as well as the parents attending the meetings. I was impressed how he was able to organize the group in such a short amount of time, and come up with a thorough recommendation for the School Board with their reopening recommendations.

Chad is a retired Marine, which in and of itself is an admirable trait that someone is willing to give their life for their country. Chad's willingness to give his time did not end there; he continued to serve our town on the Budget Committee. Once again, Chad wants to give back to our town and is running for Town Council. As a homeowner, Chad is well aware of the spending that has increased in our town taxes, and looks to make mindful decisions where our tax dollars get spent.

Chad is passionate about the town coming together and doing what is best for the community. As Londonderry continues to grow, I can think of no better person to serve on the Town Council than Chad.

Chad looks at the present needs of the town and asks questions on how a decision will impact the town in the future. Londonderry would be fortunate to have a veteran who cares for his town and country.

Christine Fitzgerald
Londonderry

Yes Votes for Janet Huttula

To the editor,

It is my immense pleasure to endorse Janet "Jan" Huttula for the position on the Budget Committee, for the Town of Londonderry. I have known Jan for 22 years. Jan has worked tirelessly on various projects – part of the Beautify Londonderry committee, a member of a Service Group, Londonderry Old Home Day Committee, working with members of the NH State House of Representatives to speak up about issues that affect the quality of life in Londonderry. She has raised awareness on children's education and taxes to name just a few. Jan has worked for both the Public and Private sectors allowing her to view concerns or challenges with a more well-rounded view to create more well-rounded solutions. Me, my family, neighborhood, and the Town of Londonderry have experienced the value and benefit of Jan Huttula's voice. I am proud to say that Jan Huttula is an honest, hard-working member of our Londonderry Community and would serve this Town even better as a member of the Budget Com-

mittee. I encourage you join me and my family and vote for Janet Huttula, Budget Committee on March 8.
Gordon Brown,
Londonderry
resident since 1991

Vote Responsibly

To the editor,

I grew up in Londonderry, and stayed to raise my own kids here. I never thought we would be in the position we're in right now.

The first school board meeting I attended, parents and children, were in tears, during public comment, begging them to listen to how their children were struggling in masks. The board could not give a single care. Instead, labeled us as "hostile" and "rude." Even lying about police records having to be filed for "harassment."

I challenge you all to go down the rabbit hole of corruption of this current board. We are struggling to find SPED support, yet the people at the DO have outrageous salaries and pensions. We had children out of school for 20+ days - no option for remote learning because they didn't have the "resources..." but spent \$110k+ for a covid nurse.

Go back and watch a school board meeting on our district's youtube channel. You'll see Racheal Killian and Tim Porter advocating for kids and taxpayers, at almost every public comment. They made sure that when a mother of a child, who was being bullied, not only for her skin color, but for masking, was finally heard after many unanswered emails to the board.

Killian and Porter have spoken to people in the community, teachers/staff at the schools, and students who were struggling mentally/being bullied. All before they even decided to run for school board!

I was very surprised to see Amanda Butcher and Kevin Gray running for these positions, because they have NEVER been to a SB meeting. The first meeting they did attend, they voted to amend a citizen's petition 100+ residents submitted, so no matter how the tax-payers voted, the board would NOT have to listen to the results. Before even being elected, they show a very clear disregard of our voices and democracy. Vote 'YES' to Article 14.

It's worth noting: Butcher and Gray had a private meeting at the Londonderry Dem house, have made posts saying "narcissists and psychopaths are more likely to refuse masks," "disinformation is deadly," and even sharing an article to contact your schools to offer a class about "white privilege." The person running their campaign pages, is very open about her want for CRT-like curriculum and sexism/pronouns, to be taught to our kids. This should concern everyone, even if you don't have children in school. These topics/views are extremely divisive and there's no place for this curriculum, when our basic math and reading scores have plummeted.

Let's focus on getting Londonderry back to what it used to be. Tim Porter's incredible knowledge of

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TOWN OF LONDONDERRY NOTICE OF TOWN ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the Official Ballot Session of the Town of Londonderry's Budgetary Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the Londonderry High School Gymnasium, the polls to be open at six o'clock in the morning and to close not earlier than eight o'clock in the evening.

A sample ballot is posted at Londonderry Town Hall, and may be accessed on the home page of the Town's website, the Voting and Elections section, and the Town Clerk's section of the Town's website.

Letters

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business, responsible spending, and Racheal Killian's background in education, our children can get the change they deserve. I am pleading - don't let someone onto this board, that will continue the lack of transparency and respect for the community.

Vote for Killian and Porter so teachers can focus on their sole job - not being a "mask police," not becoming a political pawn - just TEACHING.

Monica Plourde
Londonderry

Janet 4 Budget Committee

To the editor,

I encourage you to vote for Janet Huttula for the Budget Committee. Janet will do her best to represent all Town taxpayers in her role as a Budget Committee member. I know her abilities and her heart, as she is my wife. We have been married since we were teenagers and faced many of life's trials. She is prudently kind, steady through difficulties, and sees the end of things from the beginning with razor sharp analysis. Janet sensibly seeks counsel of those who have gone before her and who have successfully resolved similar issues. She has solid budget and government involvement experience. Frankly, I have wanted her to run for elected office for years, but the timing was never right to her. Shortly, after Janet retired and we moved to NH, my wife became the primary family caregiver to her father who passed first then to her mother. We are life part-

ners who learned to appreciate our differences. My background is technical engineering in the bio-med field. I like to fix things. Janet enjoys working with people and being part of solutions. She not running to prove anything to herself, anybody or add to her resume. She is running because of her love of community. She has the discernment skills and the time to commit. Vote JANET HUTTULA for Budget Committee on Tuesday, March 8.

Greg Huttula
Londonderry

Vote Chad Franz

To the editor,

I know these "off cycle" elections typically don't have a lot of turnout or engagement from the citizens and that's probably for a myriad of reasons (these not being as publicized as the national elections, issues aren't quite as laid out, general apathy to those in power not listening to community, etc.). I am happy to see that seems to have changed for this coming election on March 8. What I am not happy about is the divisiveness and the fractioning of the great community that is surrounding it. People feel disenfranchised, like the elected officials aren't listening to them or represent them. I can understand that after stifling public comment at school board meetings and the shenanigans pulled at the deliberative session (and supported by other candidates running for school board) by removing the citizens having a say in who should decide what's best for their children's medical

decisions. That's why I was excited to find Tim Porter, Racheal Killian, and Chad Franz on the ballot for leadership positions in town. The more I learned about them, the more I was impressed with their skillsets, background and more importantly their willingness to listen to all the citizens of Londonderry and what they want and need. We need more of these types of leaders in positions of "power" in town, so the people have a voice. There has been a lot written about the school board races and that's very important of course, but a position that has gotten lost is the race for Town Council. Chad Franz is the person we need to elect to Town Council to help lead Londonderry as we work to come together after weathering these last few years of craziness. Chad is courageous veteran who has served our great country all over the world and seen what it takes to be a great leader. It takes bringing people of ALL backgrounds, creeds, ethos, cultures, together towards a common goal. That means a great of listening and understanding needs to be done, which Chad executed with precision. Even with large, beautiful family who occupy his time, Chad hasn't been on the sidelines during all of this, he's been actively participating in the community as a member of the budget committee for 3 years, 2 of which as chair. When the town needed guidance for a re-opening plan, chad jumped into action again and chaired that amazing team that helped guide our schools on re-opening safely and

effectively. Chads listened to countless citizens on their concerns and ideas on how to make Londonderry the wonderful place we all know it can be. Therefore, Chad's mantra of "Together we are better" really is at the heart of everything he does and why he's the best candidate for Town Council.

Thank You
Philip Pane
Londonderry

Think Before You Write

To the editor,

In all my years as a Londonderry resident I have never seen such vitriol, disrespect and anger as I have seen in the last months regarding the upcoming elections for school board. If you visit the different Facebook groups dedicated to town issues there is at least one post every day meant solely to stir controversy. Some people respond to that and others simply watch amazed at the amount of time and energy people will devote to this useless effort. We have all come to expect this in social media as people like to think of themselves as truth tellers and there is no filter to what people can put out there or the claims they make.

However I was completely disgusted when the Londonderry Times chose to publish a letter on the Feb. 17 edition criticizing a school board candidate. One would think that in a time of such divisiveness the town newspaper would opt out of these tactics. One would think that the Londonderry Times would appreciate that the candidates are all volunteers who have committed their time to run a campaign in less than favorable circum-

stances. We don't need a newspaper that creates even more animosity in town, we have enough of that on Facebook. By all means publish all the letters in support of a candidate that you want but leave the nastiness and accusations out of my mailbox. Giving a voice to those who choose to attack our volunteers is doing the town a disservice.

Final note: I support Amanda Butcher for school board. The fact that her opponents are resorting to smear campaigns tells me that she is doing something right.

Laura Pallotta
Londonderry

Bring Positive Change to School District

To the editor,

Local elections have had historically low turnouts, but this year we should anticipate a much higher turnout due to the politicization of the school board. We have seen tensions rising between those that are content with continuing on with the same type of policy that has divided our community, and those that want to see

change for the better. This is drawing in a large number of people that want to continue the status quo and those that want to disrupt the current process to bring about the positive change that our town so desperately needs. It is critically important that we have all eligible voters in town show up to the polls on March 8. There is so much at stake.

Our Superintendent, Scott Laliberte and CFO, Peter Curro have announced their retirements. The two people that are elected to the school board will have a say in who replaces these important roles in our community. We need to make sure that we elect people for these roles that will truly reflect the values that our community has.

Our schools have seen terrible rates of attrition and declining morale among teachers as they are being asked to play mask police and deal with all of the repercussions that go with that. We need to elect school board members that will recognize their struggles, and take the burden of these additional responsibilities off of their shoulders. We have

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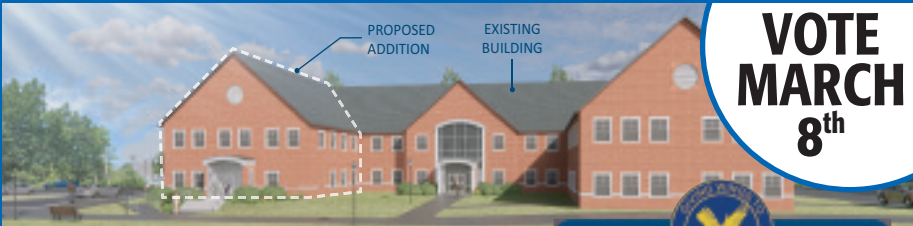
Day of Giving Held at LHS Gymnasium



Over 40 “Angels” donated hair at the annual Day of Giving ceremony held at the Londonderry High School last week. Members of the Class of 2022 were on hand to witness the event this year, which was the first one with an audience since COVID-19. The Lancer Dance team was invited performed as well as seniors singing the Rainbow Connection.

Photos by Chris Paul

Proposed Londonderry School District Office Project



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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancer Wrestling Team Host DI State Championship

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School varsity Wrestling team hosted the NH Inter-scholastic Athletic Association's Division I State Championship on Saturday and had a number of the members finish in

the top six.

Since 2001, Londonderry has been the only team to unseat the Timberlane powerhouse has taken 20 of the 21 titles in that time, with LHS getting the 2015 title.

On Saturday, the Owl's captured their seventh consecutive title, scor-

ing 265-points for first, Salem High School was a distant second with 184.5 points and Nashua North was third with 144-points.

The Lancer team had a score of 68.5 and finished in ninth with five of their wrestlers finishing in the top six.

Junior Nicolas D'Alessandro was the Lancers best finisher in the competition. D'Alessandro made it into the championship bout after two strong wins in the 126-pound weight class. In his first bout, he won by virtue of a technical fall, outscoring a Concord opponent 18-2. His second win of the day came with a 10-8 decision victory over John Fabrizio of Timberlane. His only loss was a 6-2 decision in the championship bout.

Lancer freshman David Pento had a good afternoon, with just one loss in his second match of the day.

Pento took third in the 132-weight class with a final round win over Mike Folio of Pinkerton. He also had victories over Keene and Timberlane wrestlers.

Londonderry sophomore Patrick O'Connor finished in third place

with a strong 6-0 decision over Nashua North's Finn Mulany at 152-pounds.

O'Connor had four wins and a loss in the competition; two of the wins were by fall.

Senior Ricardo Perez (160 lbs.) and Freshman Nikki Stylianos (106 lbs.)

had 6th place finishes in the tournament.

All five of those Londonderry wrestlers will be back on the Londonderry High School mats on Saturday, Feb. 26, when they will compete at the Meet of Champions (MOC) at the Gymnasium.



Lancer junior Nicolas D'Alessandro finished in second place and was the best finisher at the states tournament. Photo by Chris Paul

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Lancer Ski Teams Finish Season at Gunstock Mountain

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Alpine Ski Team competed in two events to finish the 2022 season earlier this month. The events included an All-Day race that LHS hosted at Sunapee Mountain on Feb. 10, and the NHIAA State Championship, which took place on Monday, Feb. 14 for the girls and on Feb. 15 of the boys.

The boys' team was not able to officially "place" in these races since the team only has three racers on the team and four are needed to "place".

In the NHIAA State Championship Giant Slalom at Gunstock Mountain there were 88 girls participated in the event, and LHS Fresh-

man Piper Locke finished 15th overall in the Championship.

Locke had a total race time of 79.99 and earned 86-points. She finished 15th overall in the race. Sophomore Laurel Guthrie had a total race time of 88.19 and earned 62-points, finishing 46th overall.

Senior Jilian Jones had a total race time of 94.55 and earned 49 NHIAA points. She finished 61st overall in the race.

Senior captain Alex Tufts had a total race time of 96.61 and earned 48-points to finish 63rd overall.

The LHS girls' team finished in 10th place of 17 teams.

In the Slalom, Locke had a combined time of 89.01 and earned 86-points, finishing in 15th

place.

Guthrie had a total race time of 105.94, earning 65-points to finish 40th.

Jilian Jones had a total time of 117.04 and received 65-points, finishing 53rd overall.

Madison Tufts had a total race time of 125.33, earning 51-points and finishing 58th overall.

The LHS girls finished 10th of 17 in that event also.

The following day, the boys competed in the Giant Slalom and junior Captain Will Louiselle had a total race time of 66.35 and earned 70-points with a 35th overall finish.

Sophomore Jacob Vogel had a combined total of 86.89 and earned 47-points to finish 65th overall.

In the Slalom,

Louiselle had a total race time of 99.31 and earned 69-points to finish in 35th.

With 94 boys participated in this event, Louiselle finished 35th overall in the championship.

In the Girls Giant Slalom Race at Sunapee Mountain on Feb. 10, Locke had a total race time of 63.08 and earned 86-points to finish in 15th.

Guthrie had a total time of 66.12 and earned 79-points, finishing 26th overall.

Alex Tufts had a total time of 71.92 and earned 75-points, finishing in

39th.

Jones had a combined time of 73.15 and earned 74-points to finish 40th.

Overall, the Lady Lancer finished 6th of 9th, with 76 racers participated in the race.

In the Slalom, Locke had a time of 74.16, earning 92-points and finishing 9th.

Guthrie had a total time of 86.53 and earned 78-points to finish 30th overall.

Alex Tufts had a total time of 92.41 and earned 76-points for 35th.

Madison Tufts had a total time of 97.43, to earn 75-points and finish

in 37th.

The girls finished sixth of nine as a team with 76 racers participating.

For the boys in the Giant Slalom, Louiselle had a total race time of 64.25 and got 80-points with a 26th finish.

Vogel had a total race time of 71.63 and earned 73-points and finished 42nd.

In the Slalom, Louiselle had a total time of 81.92 to earn 79-points and finish at 28th.

Turek had a total time of 115.99 and earned 68-points to finish in 54th.

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Article 3 - General Fund - Operating Budget Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, or separate warrant articles, one of the following amounts for the purposes set forth in the budget posted with the warrant? Vote for only one: A. \$83,016,369 (School Board Budget as amended) (Estimated Tax Impact \$12.03) YES <input type="radio"/> Voted by the School Board: Yes 5 No 0 Abstained 0 Voted by the Budget Committee: 4 3 0 OR B. \$82,855,538 (Default Budget) (Estimated Tax Impact \$12.00) B. <input type="radio"/> NOTE: Warrant Article 3 (Operating Budget) does not include appropriations proposed under any other article in this warrant.															
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Hockey Team Heads Into Final Week at 11-6

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Hockey team is heading into the final week of the regular season and their last game before the playoff will be against Pinkerton Academy.

Last week, the Lancer team had two games, winning at home against Keene, but then losing to the undefeated Crimson Tide to end the week with an 11-6 record.

In the game against the Black Birds, on Wednesday night at home in Hooksett, the Lancers came away with a 4-2 win.

Senior forward Bran-

don Savage had two goals, senior forward Jack Beirne had a goal and junior forward Drew Cameron also put one by the Keene goalie.

Three days later, the Lancers traveled to the state capital and played the Division I leading Concord High School squad boasting a 13-0-2 record.

The Crimson Tide continued their unbeaten streak with an 8-2 win over LHS.

Sophomore forward Matt Boyon and Savage were the only players to score goals for the Lancers in the game.

The Londonderry squad will try to up their



LHS senior forward Jack Beirne had a goal in the 4-2 win over Keene last week.

season record to 12-6 on Wednesday night, Feb. 23, when they play Pinkerton Academy at the Tri Town Ice Arena

starting at 8:20 p.m.

The Lancers have already beat the Astros once, late in December by a score of 3-0.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Feb. 14



Christina Rosario-Pelekasis Junior, Winter Cheer

Christina is an incredible new addition to our program this season. She takes on a great amount of responsibility with a smile, is willing to try anything her team needs, and is always one of our top performers.



Drew Nutter Senior, Ice Hockey

Drew has been one of the Lancer team's hardest workers, and the hard work has paid off. He's had four points in our last three games.

Student Athletes supplied by Athletic Department

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 4 - Londonderry Education Association (LEA) Bargaining Agreement

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Londonderry School District and the Londonderry Education Association (LEA), and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,061,168 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost items attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid, at current staffing levels, in the prior fiscal year? The agreement calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Cost	(Estimated Tax Impact)
FY 2022-2023	\$1,061,168	\$0.21
FY 2023-2024	\$1,271,040	\$0.25
FY 2024-2025	\$1,319,798	\$0.26

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 5 - Londonderry Association of Allied Health Professionals (LAAHP) Bargaining Agreement

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Londonderry School District and the Londonderry Association of Allied Health Professionals (LAAHP), and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$83,764 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost items attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid, at current staffing levels, in the prior fiscal year? The agreement calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Cost	(Estimated Tax Impact)
FY 2022-2023	\$83,764	\$0.02
FY 2023-2024	\$96,592	\$0.02
FY 2024-2025	\$97,314	\$0.02

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 6 - Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items

Shall the Londonderry School District, if Article 4, and/or Article 5 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting at its option to address Article 4 and/or 5 cost items only?

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 7 - School Lunch Program and Federal Fund Projects

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to accept and receive federal grants and other such funds to support the school lunch program and federal projects; further to raise and appropriate such funds in a special revenue fund as follows: school lunch program, \$1,795,000; and federal projects, \$1,625,641; for an estimated total appropriation of \$3,420,641 such funds to be self-supporting through local, state or federal revenue sources?

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 8 - Improvements to Building Security

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$350,000 for the purpose of improving School Wide security systems district wide, with this sum to come from the June 30, 2022, fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022 and no amount to be raised by additional taxation?

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

YES ☐
NO ☐

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION LONDONDERRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 8, 2022

BALLOT 2 OF 2

Kerri J. Stanley
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 9 - Special Article - Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in the School District Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 with this sum to come from the June 30, 2022 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022 and no amount to be raised by additional taxation?

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 10 - Special Article - District Technology Network Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$125,000 to be placed in the School District Technology Network Infrastructure Fund established in March 2019 School District meeting to provide funds for equipment and services for the school district network infrastructure such as, but not limited to, routers, wiring, switches, access points, wireless network improvements or any other equipment software or service that is necessary for the maintenance, improvement, performance or management of the district's network with this sum to come from the June 30, 2022 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022 and no amount to be raised by additional taxation?

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 11 - Special Article - Vehicle and Machinery Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$75,000 to be placed in the Vehicle and Machinery Fund established in March 2020 School District meeting to provide funds for the acquisition of vehicles and machinery with this sum to come from the June 30, 2022, fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022 and no amount to be raised by additional taxation?

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 12 - Special Article - Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$620,000 to be placed in the District Wide Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund established in March 2021 School District meeting for the purpose of the maintenance, construction, renovations, improvements and related professional services to all buildings, grounds, fields, substructures, and infrastructure to the overall property of the Londonderry School District? The fund shall provide the funding source for all equipment, structures, professional services, machinery, and materials, necessary to sustain efficiency, safety, of the District's buildings, grounds, and infrastructure and subsurface that meet the needs of the School District.

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.12)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

YES ☐
NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

Letters

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an opportunity to repair the broken morale in our schools. In a recent survey, teachers expressed struggles with depression. Our teachers are being asked to deal with things that go well beyond their call to educate our kids. We can do better, and more of the same is not going to get us there.

School Board members should share in the values and interests of our community as they represent us in overseeing our schools. There are two candidates running, Amanda Butcher and Kevin Gray, that are being supported by groups trying to bring divisive teachings

around systemic racism and white privilege. These same people want to bring gender fluidity discussions into school at ages as early as pre-K. Please ask yourself if these types of topics reflect the values of our community and if these things belong in our schools before you go to the polls. These same people want to restrict kids from using any public funding to seek alternative education. If you disagree with these teaching topics, they will refuse you the option of going elsewhere unless you have the wealth to be able to pay for your own alternative schooling.

You have an option in 2 weeks, you can elect more of the same with Kevin and

Amanda, or you can bring positive change to our district to ensure that our schools truly reflect the values of our community. This is why I am voting for Racheal Killian and Tim Porter, and why I am urging you to do so also.

Scott Bristol
Londonderry

Homegrown

To the editor,

There is one person running for the school board this year that knows first hand how great our schools can be and what incredible future adult minds are developed here. Tim Porter was born and raised in Londonderry, and like many others that

move on to college and begin their careers, he decided to come back to this special town and raise his own family here. Starting at Winnie's Kindergarten (prior to Moose Hill) and passing through North School, the Middle School and then graduating from LHS, our town instilled a set of values and knowledge in him that put him on a path to a successful career in finance.

Like many in the US, our town has gone through some challenges in the last couple years. However, if you look back at the last 40+ years there have been many others and as a town we've always come together and found solutions. I mention the 40+ year range because that's how long Tim has been rooted in this town, he's experienced all of it and more importantly seen how others in key roles for our town have responded to

them. There is no changing the past, or decisions that have been made, but we always have to learn from those decisions and when possible do an even better job the next time we're confronted with them.

Tim was the only school board candidate that was part of the school reopening task force last fall. He has already been on public display countless times in front of the school board and his performance spoke volumes. He showed his strong ability to dig through complex issues to find solutions that keep the best interest of our teachers, parents and most importantly our kids, at the forefront.

My vote for Tim Porter on March 8 is not just because I've known him my entire life and experienced first hand the wonderful person he is, but because he is such a great example of what our

school system can develop. We need to get back on track with fiscal responsibility but most importantly the educational performance of our kids. Tim Porter is the clear choice to do that. A vote for Tim is a vote for our kids and also a vote for one of our own.

Toby Porter
Londonderry

Support for Liz Thomas

To the editor,

I am writing this letter in support of Liz Thomas, candidate for Library Trustee. The library is an integral resource of our town and we need trustees who are passionate about supporting the library and its staff. I know that Liz Thomas will do just that. I have known Liz for years. She is organized, a visionary, and an effective team player. She can quickly evaluate issues and knows

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 13 - Discontinuance of Maintenance Trust Fund

Shall the District discontinue the School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established in 1995 with said funds, with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal (approximately \$1,000) to be transferred to the School District's unassigned General Fund, fund balance?

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

Article 14 - Special Article - Petition - Requirements to Wear Face Coverings

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to adopt the following provisions pertaining to requirements to wear face coverings within the Londonderry School District: (a) The use of face coverings shall be optional for all students, at all times, at the sole discretion of their parent or guardian, (b) the use of face coverings shall be optional for any employees and visitors to Londonderry school district owned or leased properties, including school sanctioned events, at all times? If passed, this warrant article is advisory only and does not compel the Londonderry School Board or School District to enact the provision within the Article.

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)





	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board:	2	3	0

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District Office Project Q&A Sessions

The District Office Project Q&A Session at Town Hall 9 - 11 a.m., on Saturday Feb. 26. To ask questions about the potential new Londonderry school office building

Shamrock Shootout

The Shamrock Shootout 3v3 basketball tournament will be on March 19 at the London-

derry High School gym. The tournament is open for all ages from Middle School to adult! The fee is \$20 for a team of four players. A portion of the profits will be allocated for a financial need scholarship in support of a Londonderry Basketball Club player.

Winter Carnival

On Saturday Feb. 26, A Winter Carnival will be held at Spring Hill Farm located at 96 Towle Rd.,

Chester. Winter Activities will be held from 2 - 4 p.m., including: Hot Cocoa Bar, Ice Skating, Kiddie Sledging, Curling Demonstration, Cross County Skiing, Snow Shoeing, Wagon Rides, Winter Olympics. A Chili Cook Off will be held from 4 - 5 p.m., Beans or No Beans, Spicy or Sweet, all ages encouraged to participate anyone can enter anyone can judge. Finally a Bonfire & S'mores making will be held from 5 - 7 p.m.

Questions contact recreation 603-887-3636-x100 director@chesternhrec.org

Meals on Wheels

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or an evening ONLINE session meeting on Mondays at 6 p.m., beginning on Jan. 31. Register at www.orchardnh.org. For more information, contact Lynne at lynne@orchardnh.org.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: Saturday, Feb. 26, from 10 a.m. - noon. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency, Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers), Proof of age, Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring

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Londonderry Police Log

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Monday - Feb. 14

10:09 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Londonderry United Methodist Church on Mammoth Road.

1:19 p.m. Assisted Hudson Police by taking subject to another agency from Rockingham Road. Jian Ying, 54, of Salem, Arrested on a Warrant.

3:05 p.m. Disorderly Conduct leads to an arrest made at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

3:59 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on King Henry Drive.

5:45 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by four officers on St. Charles Street.

Tuesday - Feb. 15

7:47 a.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

8:33 a.m. Services rendered for Trespassing on Symmes Drive.

12:12 p.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity at Cameron Chiropractics on Nashua Road.

1:59 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Boulder Drive.

9 p.m. Motor vehicle accident leads to an arrest on Litchfield Road. Five officers assist with charging Sheila Sanville, 31, of Londonderry, with Driving Under the Influence with Passenger Under 16; Having an Open Container, and two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

Wednesday - Feb. 16

1:07 a.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest on Nashua Road at Hampton Drive. Four officers assist with charging Malik James, 26, of Manchester charged with Driving After Revoked/ Suspended License; Traffic Control Device Violation; and Bench Warrants.

1:18 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at the Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

11:27 a.m. Report of Shoplifting leads to an arrest made at N.H. Liquor Store on Rockingham Road. Five officers assist with charging Moise Ndutiye, 18, of Concord with Criminal Trespassing; and arrested on a Warrant.

6:16 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes investigated at Main Street Apartments.

8:57 p.m. Disturbance leads to four officers assisting with transport to a hospital from Windy Pond Road.

Thursday - Feb. 17

8:03 a.m. Car Break Ins investigated at Dunkin Donuts on Rockingham Road.

10 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Crossroads Animal Hospital on Nashua Road.

10:48 a.m. Criminal Misconduct investigated on

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Letters

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how to get things done. Previously, she was a valued volunteer at the library in the used book store.

Liz worked her way through college running a library nightly in a private high school and teaching students various methods of information research, both manually and digitally.

Liz has a BA in history and is a certified secondary education teacher in History and English. She has a minor in computer science and an MBA. These are all important skills that she can bring to the table as a library trustee. I have no doubt Liz will keep close attention to the needs of the town library and will ensure it runs in a responsible and effective manner.

I urge you to vote for Liz Thomas for Library Trustee. A vote for Liz is a

vote for the continuation of a strong and valuable group of Trustees who help to keep our Library strong and active!

Christine Patton
Londonderry

Porter for School Board

To the editor,

A friend recently asked me why I support Tim Porter for school board, and the answers are simple. Over the past year, Tim has spent time at nearly all of the school board, task force, and budget hearing meetings to learn and understand the various aspects that go into such a role. He has participated in meetings with district office staff, and the admin of various schools. Tim has engaged with community members to hear their concerns, suggestions, compliments, and critiques. We have come to learn that the school board is not simply sharing opinions on what paint color or carpet

is needed. The school board is 5 separate voices that come together to hold the district office accountable, be a liaison of support for the admin, teachers, and staff, and be a voice for the community... all while properly executing an \$80 million budget. His financial background will allow him the resources and mindfulness to address budget concerns and offer realistic approaches to spending and the process. I know first-hand the recent struggles of children, parents, and teachers, and have reached out to Tim as a resource after my own conversations with our district office staff or even state health officials. At many of these meetings, questions went unanswered, and the district seemed content in how they have always done things. We need a member that will question, research, and support the community's goals of academic excellence, prudent financial decisions, and preparing our youth to be contributing citizens. As a lifelong resident, parent, business-owner, and coach within Londonderry, Tim Porter will represent the District's mission, and wants to support the positive future of this district... for his children, your children, our children.

Heather Burr Carey
Londonderry

Upcoming School Board Elections

To the editor,

The pandemic has significantly impacted all children and adults in Londonderry. We're in the same boat, just looking through different lenses. It takes effort, empathy, and humility to wade through the negative public discourse and refocus conversations about school back on education. Amanda Butcher and Kevin Gray come to the table with open hearts and minds, and are the best school board candidates to move us forward.

The arrival of vaccines for younger kids, along with a downswing of cases, has relieved some tension in our town. Some people have had challenges wearing masks, or, with people not wearing masks. Some people are ready to move to "normal," and some people still do not have the choice to protect themselves due to lack of vaccines for small children, or due to medical issues. Everyone's wishes to protect their families is valid and important.

I truly don't believe that people in Londonderry are trying to hurt each other, so it concerns me to see so many unsupported accusations being made about just that. If the messaging that you get in your life tells you that your neighbors want to hurt or control your kids, or if it's all about us vs them, then look at the source critically. There are greater forces out there that want to keep parents in communities like ours fighting. When we

speak, let's ask ourselves if we are fear-mongering, or making assumptions. It's okay that we do not agree on all topics, but how we do it matters.

We're all in the same boat, just looking through different lenses. We need a shift in energy and minds to get us to a better place. Please support Amanda Butcher and Kevin Gray for School Board, and let's get focused on what's truly important – our kids.

Nicole Dery
Londonderry

Why I am voting for Ted Combes

To the editor,

I am voting for Ted Combes because we need someone with his unique qualifications on the Town Council. He will bring a far-reaching vision and fresh approach to the council's deliberations. The election on March 8th is especially important because Town Council decisions affect us every day. For example, the Assessing Department Presentation to the Town Council on February 7th has the following bullet point. In response to the question "why did the schedule of reevaluation change from 5 years to 2 years? The answer was "In response to the significant increase in assessed values in 2019, the Town Council decided in would better to make more incremental changes on a more regular basis than wait for 5 years to elapse."

As a resident of a 55+ community in town, I am particularly aware of the impact of town decisions on the monthly expenses on those who are on a fixed or reduced income. Many of my fellow retirees

were particularly hard hit by the recent re-evaluation. Retirees and all residents need to know that someone on the Town Council wants to ensure that they are treated fairly.

Ted knows that "Town Councilors need to understand and have vision for the future based on the wants and needs of the constituents and businesses" He has extensive career experience in project management, construction management, and real estate development. This combined with his strong family values and a lengthy record of volunteering and serving on town boards and committees make him the best candidate for a position on the Town Council.

We need a person with Ted's experience on the Council. Someone who is familiar with the inner workings of town government. But also, is an experienced project manager. Consider, that the job of a project manager is to get the job done, at the least cost, and within schedule. A project manager must identify and deal with potential problems. Negotiate with suppliers, customers, and contractors to ensure the quality of the work while keeping the project on schedule. Combine this experience with construction management and real estate development you have an applicant uniquely qualified for the Town Council.

March 8th is an important election; I encourage you to come out and vote for the Ted Combes and on the warrant articles that will impact future tax bills.

Jim Green
Londonderry

Police Log

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Buttrick Road.

3:24 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made by three officers on Currier Drive. Samuel Mumbauer, 18, of Londonderry charged with Theft By Unauthorized Taking between \$1,001-\$1,500; Breach of Bail Conditions; and 25 counts of the Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Images.

4:52 p.m. Disturbance reported on Eagle Way results in transportation to a hospital by three officers.

5:06 p.m. Assault investigated at Beato Auto Sales on Nashua Road.

5:53 p.m. Services Rendered for Trespassing on Boyd Road.

8:01 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Friday - Feb. 18

9:25 a.m. Services rendered to keep the peace at Everything Essential

Salon & Spa on Mohawk Drive.

10:34 a.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at the Londonderry High School.

12:07 p.m. Services rendered Neighborhood Disputes on Main Street.

1:01 p.m. Warrant served and arrest Made on Elm Street, Manchester. Paul Fradette, 59, of Manchester charged with Negligent Driving.

5:26 p.m. Services rendered for a Domestic Disturbance on Winding Pond Road.

7:58 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport leads to transportation to a hospital.

9:39 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Scots Place.

Saturday - Feb. 19

7:28 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Fieldstone Drive. Eric Sokolski, 29, of Londonderry charged with Simple Assault - Physical

Contact or Bodily Injury.

1:36 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated by three officers on Pinyon Place.

6:18 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

7:30 p.m. Four officers respond to Overdose and assist with Transportation to a Hospital from Pinyon Place.

10:46 p.m. Disturbance Investigated by four officers at The Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road.

Sunday - Feb. 20

9:01 a.m. Sex Offender Registration investigated on Seasons Lane.

11:22 a.m. Services rendered Suspicious Activity on Wallace Circle.

8:44 p.m. Services rendered by four officers for Drug Offenses at the Main Street apartments on Main Street.

10:33 p.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm apartments.

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