

My name is Maryanne Kelly, and I am a member of the Bellmore Board of Education, am a lifelong Nassau County resident, and have lived in Bellmore for 30 years.

I graduated from Cornell University with a degree in Education after which I taught Animal Science and Biology at the high school level in the NYC public school system. I went on to work for Merck Pharmaceuticals as a sales representative on Long Island.

Once I became a mom that became my full-time devotion. As I raised my family in Bellmore, I also coached a U16 soccer team, and held several positions in the District's parent-teacher association (PTA) and subsequently became a member of the PTA Executive Board.

Currently I serve on the Hofstra University IACUC Board and am a member of the Bellmore-Merrick Community Coalition and the Bellmore Civic Association. I also foster rescue dogs for a local shelter and am a licensed real estate agent.

After devoting years to various committees across the community, I became a member of the Bellmore Board of Education in 2010 and have proudly served on the Board since.

As a Board member we are tasked with-among other things-creating a shared vision for the future of education at the local level, developing and presenting the annual budget, steering the District to maximize student achievement and remaining fiscally responsible to our community. I am proud of my impact as a Board member with regard to the numerous enhancements to our programs and facilities over the years which continue to keep Bellmore the outstanding elementary school district it is. I am proud of the work our Board has done to make sure Bellmore remains one of the best school districts in New York State, through our thoughtful and transparent engagement with all stakeholders and always making sure to put our students first.

Serving on the Bellmore Board of Education has been an honor and a privilege; one which I would very much like to retain. I look forward to continuing my work with my fellow Board members, the administration, staff, community and the children of Bellmore.

My name is Ellen Brach and I am running for school board trustee in Bellmore. I have been a resident of Bellmore for 25 years and raised two sons here as well. Being products of the Bellmore school system, I am proud to say that both my boys were members of the National Honor Society as well as All County wrestlers at Kennedy HS. They both also went on to become scholar athletes at SUNY Oneonta.

I currently work as a Fitness Instructor at Push fitness in Melville but recently retired from teaching PE and Health at MS 226 in S Ozone Park, Queens. Despite working full time as a school teacher, I always remained very involved in our schools here in Bellmore. I was an active member of the PTA, serving on various committees as well as being a class parent. While my boys were at Kennedy, I was a team mom for wrestling and volunteered as the team photographer for both wrestling and lacrosse. As a team mom and photographer, I helped organize awards dinners, fundraisers, and created end of season montages.

During the lacrosse season in 2013, I became increasingly concerned with the condition of the athletic fields, which affected safety and success of our student athletes. It was that year that I created a Facebook group called "Bellmore Merrick Parent and Students in Favor of Turf Fields." Through this group, I inspired and organized thousands of parents to advocate for the safety of our student athletes.

I was even told by a current board member that my Facebook group was "instrumental" in the bond being passed.

While our schools do not experience much controversy, times are changing and parents are becoming more and more concerned about the role of the school in their child's life. There is something to say about collective experience but there needs to be room for other voices and ideas. When there are no term limits in any elected position, it's easy to become complacent. I believe my background as a dedicated teacher and my experience as an advocator for students and parents will help me to be an asset to our board. I will bring a fresh perspective to both old and new issues, including understanding the increasing needs of our Special Education students since the pandemic.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve my community as a school board Trustee.

Hi I'm Michael Demetriou, and I'm a 17+ year business development leader in the Title Insurance industry. In my first year, I was our region's top producer, went on to become a top 1% revenue producer in the nation closing billions in insured transactions over a 17+ year career up to becoming Senior Executive VP of Business Development for Kensington Vanguard, the nation's largest title agency and we just completed our sale to TRUIST insurance.

During the 2008 financial crash, I was the lead advisor to restructuring JP Morgan Chase's entire lending platform as it related to working with title insurance vendors nationally. I implemented a strategy and solution for JP Morgan Chase which is still in effect today and increased revenue for my company during the recession and drove company market share to 35% of all refinances in NYS and took clear to close times from a 30-60 day cycle to 10 days. I have a keen sense for trends and also take action on those trends which convert to significant revenue and market share; this system has now been implemented within all major lenders' lending platforms.

In addition to being an industry leader in business development, I was made part of Fidelity National title groups management committee to forecast and implement new initiatives to streamline and cut operational costs and was named the winner of FNF's future leader in their leadership program as voted on by the CEO and others in senior management.

Since entering the insurance industry, I have maintained top line revenue and continued to be a top 1% revenue producer nationally.

I'm currently launching my medical startup Pano Med [pano-med.com](http://pano-med.com), where we have built a complete virtual Medical office as CEO and solo-founder, I'm a grateful father of two, married to Randi Demetriou, a coach to many of our children in our community and most recently won a case vs the State of NY in Supreme Court on behalf of all our children and families. I have overcome what some would say every challenge life can throw at you, including homelessness. I look forward to the opportunity of applying all my skills in representing my greatest of passions the children of our community as Board of Trustee for Bellmore. I am not only passionate about this because I truly care about our community but, I'm the only person who has children in the elementary school district and I believe it is time for fresh ideas and change. I truly believe in our community and our parents and I look forward to their trust.

# Janet Goller

As a life-long Bellmore resident, this town holds a very special place in my heart. I am committed to giving all I can to ensure this special community continues to flourish. Having grown up and attended schools here, I made the choice to raise my family in Bellmore, and now feel blessed that my grandkids also call Bellmore their home.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve on the Bellmore Board of Education for 27 years and the BMCHSD BOE for 22 years. I have consistently taken an active role on the board, of which I have served as President and Vice President. My business experience, coupled with my years of PTA service, has allowed me to gain the necessary knowledge and understanding to achieve optimal results for our community.

As a staunch advocate of parental involvement in schools, I prioritized involving myself from the day my oldest child began kindergarten. I became an active member of our PTA, joined numerous committees, took on leadership roles, and eventually became PTA President, allowing me to implement practical changes that facilitated healthy outcomes for Bellmore's children. Communication and teamwork are essential to effective leadership, and as PTA Council President, at both elementary and CHSD levels, I focused on bridging together our Bellmore Merrick communities.

Supporting all children is an absolute priority for me. Therefore I founded and became the first President of the Bellmore Elementary SEPTA (Special Education PTA), ensuring advocacy for our special education students. I also launched the Kennedy Senior Class Fashion Show, for which this will be my 26<sup>th</sup> year chairing this favorite senior class event!

Having dedicated myself to leadership, I'm honored to be the recipient of prestigious awards such as NYS PTA Honorary Life, Distinguished Service, National PTA Life Achievement Awards, Nassau County Women's Trailblazer of the New Millennium Award, SCOPE Community Service Award, and Kennedy Hall of Fame.

My 41 years as a financial operations manager have also allowed me the ability to ensure our limited resources are spent wisely and efficiently - in ways best benefiting our children.

Like so many families in the district, I find my heart and soul reside with my family. My late husband, Edward, was a retired Nassau County Police Detective who I lost after 38 years of marriage. I have 3 exceptional children who went through our Bellmore Schools and am a proud grandparent, "Mimi," of 2 grandchildren who currently attend Reinhard and Shore Road Schools.

My many years of working with our administrators, parents, teachers, and staff K-12 have given me the experience and insight needed to make thoughtful decisions that have benefited all of Bellmore's children. This experience provided me with first-hand information to raise thoughtful questions, construct practical suggestions, and make informed decisions.

I am incredibly proud of the many positive changes we have made in our elementary and CHSD. Working together, we have accomplished so much—and working together, we can achieve so much more!! I am grateful to our entire community for their current and continued support for my re-election to the Bellmore Board of Education.