Jared Pray - School Committee (1-year)

My name is Jared Pray and I am running for the 1-year seat on the School Committee. I have lived in Hopkinton for 17 years with my wife, Jessica and three girls (a 1st grader, a 4th grader, and a future member of the HHS class of 2038). The past two years, we have asked our children to disproportionally shoulder the weight of COVID restrictions. We now must help them gain what they have lost academically and socially, while improving where we as a district have fallen short. This is not the time for the school committee to maintain the status quo – there is too much to accomplish. Specifically:

- We must do more to support all kinds of learners, including students with learning disabilities and special needs as well as the needs of advanced learners (particularly those in younger grades). Investment by the community has made this a top-10 district in MA. The next school committee must commit to maintaining the current standard of excellence.
- With the recent and projected enrollment growth, we must plan for future space needs. While a replacement for Elmwood is the biggest near-term need, let's continue our work towards the proposed long-term master plan.
- We must be more diligent in ensuring that our schools are a safe, positive environment for each and every student.

In addition to a passion for the education of our children, I bring a business mindset, problem-solving experience, the perspective of working parents with young children to this role, and uniquely on this next school committee, the perspective of that of a father. With my background and experience along with a passion for excellence in this school district, I ask you to vote for Jared Pray for School Committee on May 16th.

