

Amy Webb



Chautauqua Lake CSD School Board Candidate

Why are you running for the school board? If elected, what will be your top five priorities and why?

I am currently serving on the Chautauqua Lake Board of Education and in the capacity of President of the Board. I have served on the Board of Education for the past six years and have been President for the last two years. I am interested in continuing to serve on the school board, as I enjoy serving our school and community and feel it is important to serve in the area of Education as I have 20 years of experience in the field of education. If re-elected to the Board, I plan to further my learning in order to better Chautauqua Lake Central School and its partnerships with area districts. I would be disappointed if I were not engaged in the evolution of our school after having the past six years of experiences.

My contributions / priorities would be for our district to continue to be fiscally responsible with the budget, plan and engage in progressive differentiated programming as well as increasing the fortitude of our building and grounds as we responsibly move forward with our Capital project. As a district, we continue to evaluate our educational experiences (settings, environments, technology, safety, etc.) and opportunities for post-graduation readiness. We strive to be at the forefront of educational practices with opportunities in career readiness, differentiated instruction for all students, increased STEM coursework and social emotional supports for all of our students. Over the past year, we have experienced many new obstacles because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has given us the opportunity to critically evaluate and change some of our practices in order to best prepare and support our students in new ways.

Chautauqua Lake strives to be a “destination district” for families and students who are looking for a place to reside. What do you know about Chautauqua Lake that makes it a great school district?

In order to be a destination district, we need to have many successful components. Ongoing discussions involve ensuring a solid understanding of the academic curriculum that is taught with fidelity by highly effective faculty and staff (data driven instructional practices, differentiated instruction for all students, diverse classes offered, etc.) in combination with supportive social emotional engagement (counselors, supports, curriculum, community partnerships, etc.) for all of our students. Students need to have multiple points of engagement within their school and community - having access to competitive extra-curricular activities (sports, clubs, musicals, chorus, band, etc.). We need to offer strong college and career readiness programs that prepare and invite our young graduates to stay local or return to raise their children in their childhood community.

As a prospective school board member, what are your views of regionalizing education in Chautauqua County?

As the student enrollment in our area continues to decline, I think that nurturing and maintaining our current relationship with Ripley Central School is imperative. We will continue to share services in order to offer diverse programs and opportunities for our students

(sports, distance learning, STEM, STEAM, Manufacturing, foreign languages, college credit classes, etc.). We are or have previously engaged in shared services with Ripley, Westfield, Brocton, Sherman, Panama and Maple Grove in order to meet the needs of our students within Chautauqua County. Without our shared services and collaborative efforts, we would not have been able to provide such opportunities to our children. These partnerships have many benefits, as it allows the districts to work collaboratively in sharing expenditures, allows our students to network with other students within our county and promotes leadership amongst young individuals within our county. Chautauqua Lake CSD is not waiting to create opportunities; we are engaged in such opportunities now!

What particular experiences or skills qualify you to serve as a school board member?

Over the past six years, I have served as a Chautauqua Lake Board of Education member. I have had the opportunity to be the President of the Board for the past two years. I feel that my current position as a CSE Chairperson and Section 504 coordinator for Westfield Academy and Central School affords me the opportunity to have an inside understanding of what takes place within a school district. My current position allows me to have an understanding of Special Education rules, regulations and the financial aspects of the Special Education budget. I feel that as an educator, I am able to share my inside knowledge of the inner workings of a school district with my fellow board members. I consider myself a lifelong learner and I encourage others to embrace that same philosophy.

In what school / district activities have you been involved?

As a Board of Education member, I serve on the Negotiations, safety and the Legislative Committees. As a family, we participate in district wide fundraisers, athletic events and community events. We engage in regional sports within our county. We always enjoy attending district-wide liberal arts performances.

In what community activities have you been involved?

Within our community, I continue to participate in Chautauqua Institution's Young Playwright's Project annually, as well as assisting with the Winter Festival in Mayville. My husband and I are proud owners of a 78-year-old family business that is able to give back to our community and promotes community revitalization. We continue to serve our community as supporters of youth athletics, Village of Mayville Volunteer Fire Department, Village of Mayville Community Library and other organizations through our Not-for Profit, Chautauqua Region Music Alliance (which hosts the Chautauqua Grand Fondo annually). In addition, our family attends Holy Apostles Parish in Jamestown, NY.

Are you the parent of children in the CLCS school district?

Ben and I are the proud parents of two little Thunderbirds, Teagan and Cord Webb. Both of our children currently attend CLCS Elementary School. Teagan is 9 years old and is in the third grade, and Cord is 8 years old and is in the second grade.