

# Litchfield Board of Education

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Dear Litchfield Community,

I would like to thank my fellow board members for electing me Chair. The responsibility that comes with this role is one that I do not take lightly. I would also like to thank our dedicated and hard-working faculty and staff, as each and every one of them plays a crucial role in our success.

As a board, we welcome two new members: Tina Reardon, who will serve as Chair of the Curriculum Committee; and Steve Malo, who will serve as Secretary. Tina and Steve join Dan Clock, who will serve as Vice Chair of the BOE and Chair of the Finance Committee; Don Falcetti; John Morosani, who will serve as Chair of the Long-Term Planning Committee; Dave Pavlick, who will serve as Chair of the Policy Committee; Lynn Stone; and Wayne Shuhi, who will serve as Chair of the Facilities & Technology Committee. We say a big “Thank You” to Gayle Carr and Frank Simone for their many years of service and leadership on the board.

As Nelson Mandela said, “Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world,” a school district is the heartbeat of a community, and our children are the building blocks.

I turn to the starfish parable where a young child diligently strives to return thousands of starfish to the ocean before the tide goes out. As a naysayer laughs and says to the child, “Don’t you realize there are miles and miles of beach and thousands of starfish? You can’t make a difference,” the smiling child replies as she tosses another creature back in the sea, “I made a difference for that one.” Making a difference one child at a time and helping each one of them reach their fullest potential, and leaving not a single one behind, is paramount.

My goal is to maintain a healthy, transparent, accessible, and collaborative board that listens to and communicates openly with all stakeholders, including our fellow boards. Working with Chris Leone and building upon and expanding the successful collaboration that has begun with our friends in Warren, Morris and Goshen will give our students the best opportunities for success and strengthen us all. It is my belief that we are stronger together and that our towns complement each other in so many unique ways.

Let us stop at nothing short of excellence; the future is now.

Regards,



Matthew Terzian  
Chair, Litchfield Board of Education

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**Matthew Terzian**  
Chairperson

**Danny Clock**  
Vice-Chairperson

**Steve Malo**  
Secretary