

Michele Dufour for Hudson School Committee

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Hello!

I'm Michele Tousignant Dufour and I am running for re-election to Hudson's School Committee. For the past four years I've served on the committee and for the past two years I have had the honor to serve as Chairperson.

**Yes you have and for the past 4 years you and the others managed to give a great raise to Dr. Lyons and he and Dr. Fortuna as the assistant superintendent who allowed Farley School to get to LEVEL 3.**

**LEVEL 3 is for the lowest performing 20% of schools and prior to Dr. Fortuna leaving not only did you and the rest of the school committee give her a raise but it was recto active and for a GREAT Job a job that was discriminating to the point of having the Department of Justice having to get involved over a simple issue that could have been resolve very simple not only by Dr. Fortuna but also by the school committee. The amount of legal money spent on this issue and others that I am aware of is absolutely irresponsible not only by you but by your colleagues in the school committee.**

During my time on the board I've worked to see full day Kindergarten become a reality, collaborated with the administration to bring about a new budgeting process, and led the search committee to find a new Superintendent.

**Not something to be proud of hiring an assistant superintendent from within.**

I ran for the School Committee because I saw the wonderful things happening in our schools and wanted to help create more of those successes. I was inspired to try for an active role in supporting the administration's efforts to improve educational opportunities for Hudson's students.

**YES you did support the administration with retaliating and ignoring serious concerns about them and look at where we are today. Less and less enrollment in students and parents taking their kids elsewhere for an education. Not to mention the parents that got legal help and got their children out of our schools because of the lies and inability to assist the kids.**

Our town, and our school district, have changed and grown in my time on the board and I feel there is still much more we need to accomplish going forward. If re-elected, I will continue to be an active voice for our children, for our schools and for a better future.

**The above is very hard to accept as I deal with many parents and know what is going on. Let's not forget that the enrollment has decreased from year to year so I really do not see the growing but what I do see and the record show is a drop and lots of money spent on legal.**

**I do not have this years but will be getting them as they are extremely high this year.**

Description	FY18-10.30.17	FY17 Actuals	FY16 Actuals	FY15 Actuals	FY14 Actuals	FY13 Actuals
Collective Bargaining	\$ -	\$ 7,000.19	\$ 5,687.79	\$ 7,975.09	\$ 10,882.04	\$ 36,936.12
Legal Fees Pupil Services	\$ 5,468.23	\$ 32,870.48	\$ 77,982.81	\$ 60,211.26	\$ 65,846.63	\$ 54,131.67
Legal Fees Labor Relations	\$ 833.44	\$ 43,535.42	\$ 12,196.34	\$ 8,431.29	\$ 95,387.85	\$ 57,060.15
Legal Fees School Law	\$ 663.90	\$ 5,387.02	\$ 2,080.30	\$ 1,553.04	\$ 17,817.84	\$ 26,478.25
Total:	\$ 6,965.57	\$ 88,793.11	\$ 97,947.24	\$ 78,170.68	\$ 189,934.36	\$ 174,606.19

**Enrollment: Oct 1, 2018**

Total Enrollment:	2,630	2643	2811	2876	2947	2927
Total Special Education Students:	406	410	438	449	522	496
Total in Private Placement including Collaboratives:	48	46	41	40	43	43

**Attorney Representation**

Deusch & Williams	Labor
Murphy, Heese, Toomey & Lahane	Special Ed

For the past seven years, I have always been an active member of the Home and School associations wherever my girls have attended, working with other dedicated parents to create the best possible opportunities for the students. My School Committee work is a natural and larger extension of this fulfilling community involvement.

I've lived in Hudson for over 15 years with my husband and two children. We love the community we've found in Hudson and are proud to be part of the fabric of our town. Both my children attend Hudson Public Schools. They receive a great educational experience and by serving on the School Committee, I want to continue to ensure that ALL of Hudson's children benefit from the same high quality experience.

**Your statement above is definitely not for all children as several parents have complained about the administration and all you and the other did was give them a great raise.**

**It takes publicity to get anything done in this community.**

**I love Hudson and have been here since 1992 and have worked hard with parents to ensure that their children get a real education but CLEARLY this does not happen in Hudson to all kids.**

I humbly ask for your vote for School Committee on May 14th.

**Folks VOTE on Monday and please for the sake of our schools VOTE for new people. We desperately need changes and we need to hold people accountable for their jobs.**