

# AT THE POLLS - TOWN ELECTIONS - MARCH 8

The Beacon asked candidates running for an office in a contested race to submit up to 250 words and a picture.

## School Board 3 year term; vote for 2

### Kayla Chandler

I grew up in Boscawen and graduated from Merrimack Valley High School in 2002. I studied Marine Biology for a year at the University of Maine, Machias. I then transferred to NHTI in Concord to study Criminal Justice. I am a certified Correctional Officer, and I worked for the Merrimack County Department of Corrections for three years. I am currently the Branch Relationship Manager of Bar Harbor Bank and Trust in Andover. I have a combined experience of over 20 years of customer service and management experience.



I moved to Andover in 2013. I have a daughter now attending AE/MS, and I would like to become more involved with the school community. I know that it has been quite a few years since the playground has had an update. I would like to start a fundraiser for the school to bring some new equipment to the

playground. It is important for me to be involved as I want my child and every child to receive the best education that this town can offer.

I'm willing to give my time to the school and the community to ensure that every child has a safe, positive, and inspiring experience at AE/MS. Thank you for your consideration of me as a candidate for the Andover School Board.

### Stephen Chella

I believe that my passion for education, as well as my experience as a Paraprofessional, Math Interventionist, Classroom Teacher, Special Education Teacher, and Case Manager has sufficiently and thoroughly prepared me for excelling in the School Board position currently open in Andover.



Having experience as an educator, in various positions, in a range of primary grade levels has prepared me with an understanding of effective classroom strategies that help students succeed.

With my variety of experience I have extensive insight on what it takes when working with students. I have an uncompromising view that all students can learn, given a positive learning atmosphere that welcomes exploration and enhances student confidence.

As a teacher, I facilitate student learning through using creative, intentional, and research-based strategies that support the personal, physical, social, and academic development of every child. This is accomplished through collaborative planning and preparation

of interdisciplinary, appropriately-sequenced lessons aligned to instructional goals, while remaining flexible and incorporating student choice.

I am a passionate, creative, and energetic educator. I would be very grateful for the opportunity to help support the school-based decisions for the Andover School District. I could be an asset, as well as significantly contribute to the vision and goals that will help prepare Andover's students for the 21st century workforce. If elected, I will strive to be

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### Order of Candidates on the Ballot

New Hampshire RSA 656:5-a defines the order in which candidates' names will appear on the ballots. For the sake of consistency with the ballot, the Beacon's "At the Polls" section follows the same scheme.

The essence of the RSA 656:5-a scheme is that as an election draws near, the Secretary of State's office picks a random number for each possible number of candidates in a race. The candidate whose position in a specific race's alphabetical list of candidates matches the random number chosen for races with that number of candidates becomes the candidate who is listed first on the ballot. The ballot for that race continues from that point in the alphabetical list, wrapping back to the beginning of the list to include all the candidates.

In other words, if candidates A, B, and C are running against each other and the Secretary of State randomly selects the number 2 for races with three candidates, then the candidates will appear on the ballot in this order: B, C, A.

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