

December 16, 2024

Plymouth School Committee
c/o Ms. Tricia Liskov, Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools
Sent Via Electronic Mail to tliskov@plymouth.k12.ma.us

Dear Plymouth School Committee,

My name is Bethany Rogers, and that name may sound familiar as I ran in the town-wide election for one of the open seats this past fall. While I was disappointed by the outcome, I chose not to let one election define my passion and I am writing to express my strong interest in joining the Plymouth School Committee. As a lifelong member of the Plymouth community, a proud graduate of Plymouth Public Schools, and a dedicated advocate for equity and education, I am eager to contribute my skills, passion, and commitment to the betterment of our town's educational system.

Professionally, I am a litigation attorney with extensive experience in negotiations, settlements, and oral advocacy. My career is rooted in advocating for those who cannot always speak for themselves—a principle that aligns with the mission of the School Committee to ensure that every student's voice is heard, and every need is met. Through my work, I have honed the ability to analyze complex issues, collaborate with diverse stakeholders, and facilitate fair and balanced resolutions—skills that I believe are essential for effective service on the School Committee.

While I once aspired to become a teacher during my high school years, I ultimately pursued a different path that still allows me to make a positive impact on the community at large. Serving on the School Committee would enable me to bring this journey full circle by supporting the very institution that shaped my educational foundation. My prior experience with town government has shown me the power of teamwork and the importance of approaching unfamiliar topics with a willingness to learn. I am confident that these attributes, coupled with my legal expertise, would make me a valuable contributor to the Committee's work.

I am deeply invested in Plymouth's future and believe that a strong public education system is vital to our town's continued growth and success. By fostering inclusive dialogue, promoting thoughtful decision-making, and prioritizing the well-being of our students, I hope to play an active role in shaping an environment where all learners can thrive.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be honored to attend the Open Seat Appointment Candidate Forum on January 6, 2025, to further discuss how my background, skills, and passion align with the goals of the Plymouth School Committee.

Sincerely,



Bethany S. Rogers

BETHANY ROGERS

ABOUT ME

I am a passionate advocate with a strong commitment to education, community service, and youth development. A Plymouth Public Schools graduate and litigation attorney with experience in negotiation, settlement, and oral advocacy. I am eager to fostering a brighter future for the community at large.

EDUCATION

2014 • Plymouth South High School

2018 • Bay Path University
Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies
Cum Laude

2021 • Western New England University
School of Law
Juris Doctor

EXPERIENCE

Detention Diversion Advocacy Program • Springfield MA **2015-2018**
Court Appointed Special Advocate • Intern

Collaborated with case managers to support children involved in the juvenile justice system. Assisted in developing and implementing short- and long-term goals aimed at reducing future legal system involvement. Coordinated with school administrators, counselors, teachers, family members, and the Department of Children and Families to deliver comprehensive services that promote the success and well-being of disadvantaged youth

Wilbraham and Monson Academy • Wilbraham MA **2018-2020**
Coach • Varsity Girls Lacrosse & Field Hockey/ Middle School Boys Basketball

Built cohesive, goal-driven teams focused on leadership, problem-solving, and resilience. Worked with diverse stakeholders, including international students, parents, and school staff, to support player growth and well-being. Fostered an inclusive environment where athletes of all skill levels could thrive.

The Law Office of Jenny L. Margeson, P.C. **2015- Present**
Paralegal • Law Clerk • Associate Attorney

Litigation attorney working in a small firm primarily focused on criminal defense and family law. Combines strong negotiation, settlement, and oral advocacy skills with a passion for supporting those whose voices often go unheard. Uses teamwork, and continuous learning to approach complex challenges with strategy and care. Committed to fostering positive change and promoting equity, both in the courtroom and in the community.