



# Dartmouth Democratic Town Committee



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## The Dartmouth Democratic Town Committee Endorses Amaral and Coughlin

The Dartmouth Democratic Town Committee is pleased to endorse;

**Kathleen Amaral**

**Elizabeth (Bess) Coughlin**

This endorsement is for the **2023 Dartmouth School Committee election** to be held April 4, 2023

**Kathleen Amaral** is a sitting member of the Dartmouth School Committee, and long-time resident of the town. She believes in the power of life-long learning, returned to school during the pandemic, and recently obtained an MBA (**Southern New Hampshire University**) after an earlier Fine Arts degree (**Rhode Island School of Design**). Kathleen is a passionate advocate for all students, particularly those (and their families) with special needs. She currently works for the Arc of Massachusetts, managing education and outreach, and recently concluded her second term as a member of the *Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council*. Dedicated to public service, before her time on the school committee, she had been a part of several district strategic planning committees and served two terms on the *Quinn School Council*. She has been a **Town Meeting** member for several years and has been the chair of the Special Ed. Parent Advisory Council. She was also a 2020-21 *Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities* (LEND) Fellow from the UMass Chan Medical School and Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center. The LEND program is a graduate-level interdisciplinary training to improve the health of children and youth with developmental disabilities.

**Bess Coughlin** believes that Dartmouth has GREAT schools and wants them to be even better. She thinks that we should strengthen what's working by listening, critically evaluating policies,

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seeking input, moving deliberately, while adhering to State mandates. In this way all of our students will thus get a quality education in a safe environment. Also a long-time resident of the town having worked 20+ years at Sylvan Nursery. She is a **Town Meeting** member. She is a graduate of **Temple University** (Geology) and a life-long believer in the power of education, and the importance of mutual respect, diversity, equity, and inclusion. She is dedicated to the idea that we should teach our students how to think, not what to think.

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**The Dartmouth Democratic Town Committee encourages all eligible voters to participate in our town election, April 4, 2023**

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