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Excellence in Education

We are committed to providing a world class education, including an academic curriculum and extracurricular activities to all students that will provide them the knowledge and skills for the 21st Century, while acting in a fiscally responsible manor.

Stopping the Skyrocketing School Property Tax

In the past 5 years our property tax has skyrocketed 52%, and it is projected to rise another 50% over the next 5 years if we do not control spending.

Fiscal Responsibility

We will change the irresponsible budget process used under Democrat control that has contributed to the rampant tax increases for the past 5 years. Republican Leadership will and has provided responsible and timely planning, justification and management of budgets, control of capital and construction expenditures, including the implementation of "not to exceed" budgets for all capital projects. Our goal is to protect the tax dollars of all the residents of our Township.

Focusing Maximum Dollars on Academic Programs

The School District will spend \$20,000 per student this year, making our per pupil expenditure #1 in the state. Our administrative costs are #1 in the state of Pennsylvania while our academic performance is not in the top 5. We are committed to maximizing education spending on academic programs and improving the academic reputation of Lower Merion schools.

Improving Safety in our Schools

We will review and study current safety and security policies and work to guarantee the school district is doing everything possible to make sure our children are in a healthy and safe learning environment.



EDITH PEARCE

Edith is an attorney concentrating in employment law. She is the owner and founding partner of The Pearce Law Firm, representing businesses and individuals in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. She has been very actively involved in the legal community, holding leadership positions with the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations. For the last 13 years Edith has been involved with the Pennsylvania High School Mock Trial Competition serving as a competition coordinator, lecturer, and Judge. She is a Board member for the Legal Clinic for the Disabled and an active member of Bala Cynwyd Neighborhood Club.

She is a graduate of Villanova University and received her Juris Doctorate from Temple University. Edith is married to the Honorable Todd B. Seelig, a State Administrative Law Judge. They live in Bala Cynwyd, with their 2 year old son Brett.



DOMINIQUE EDREI-REIFF

Dominique is dedicated to education, professionally and as a mother of three sons. Currently, as president of Kinderlingua, Inc., a company she founded in 1995, Dominique manages the curriculum, teacher training, and budget for the innovative learning program, specifically designed to teach foreign languages to young children as well as Kinderphonics, a program that introduces the instruction of phonics in English music.

Dominique has an extensive background in education, including fourteen years of teaching experience, a Bachelor's degree from American University in Washington, D.C., and a Master's degree in education from Temple University. She has taught French and English as a Second Language from the pre-school to high school level at both public and private institutions in Abington, Cheltenham, Whitmarsh, and Blue Bell. Dominique also instructed E.S.L. courses at Temple University. She is married to Jeffrey Reiff, Esq., a civil litigation attorney in Philadelphia. Dominique is the proud mother of three sons, Justin, Collin, and Maximilian; Justin and Collin are graduates of Harriton High School, Collin is among the first of Harriton's International Baccalaureate Program graduates, and the youngest, Maximilian, is in elementary school.



STUART SHAPIRO, M.D.

Stuart received his M.D. from SUNY at Buffalo and a Masters from Harvard. He is a physician and has been an executive in the non-profit, governmental, and "for profit" sectors. Stuart was the CEO of the Presidents' Summit for America's Future, whose focus was to promote voluntary activity on behalf of children and youth. He directs the National Job Shadow Initiative, which gives over one million students annually the opportunity to "shadow" a workplace mentor. Stuart is on the Board of the Philadelphia Mentoring Partnership. Stuart previously served as Commissioner of Health for Philadelphia, a Senior Staff Member of a U.S. Senate Committee, and CEO of the operating division of America Service Group, a public company that delivered healthcare to inmates across the U.S. Currently, he is a Principal in Health Ventures, LLC, a consulting and venture capital firm in Bala Cynwyd and Bethesda, MD, and regularly volunteers as a primary-care physician in a clinic for those without health insurance.

Stuart and his wife, Gina, have two children; the oldest enjoys being a second grader at Cynwyd Elementary School.



LAWRENCE ABRAMS, ED.D.

Larry has spent his entire professional life in the field of education. In December of 2001, after 36 years at Thomas Jefferson University, Larry retired from his positions as Dean of the College of Health Professions, Vice President of Student Affairs, Senior Officer, and Professor of Education. For over 10 years, Larry was a School Board Director in the Marple Newtown School District. He has served as Chairman/President of the Board of four organizations: Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions, Children's Rehabilitation Hospital, Jefferson Park Hospital, and Women's Association for Women's Alternatives. Larry has been recognized for his outstanding accomplishments with two Presidential Citations from Thomas Jefferson University, the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Penn State, and an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from the State University of New York Health Sciences Center at Brooklyn. His undergraduate degree, from Penn State, is in business administration. He holds a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology and a Doctorate in Higher Education Management. Larry and his wife, Nancy, a retired 30 year teacher, live in Bala Cynwyd. They have two married daughters and three grandsons; the oldest attends second grade at Cynwyd Elementary School. Both families live in Lower Merion Township.



PHILIP ZUZELO

As a graduate of Welsh Valley Junior High and Harriton High School, Phil has first hand experience with the high quality of education provided by the Lower Merion Public School System. With two children currently attending Lower Merion Public Schools (and soon to be a third), Phil, and his wife Emily, have a strong and vested interest in maintaining those same high standards for their children. Phil has both undergraduate and graduate degrees from the Wharton School – University of Pennsylvania where he majored in finance, management, and accounting, and graduated magna cum laude and was a Palmer Scholar. This, combined with his work at Drexel Burnham and Coopers & Lybrand, has provided Phil with an extensive background in finance, accounting, cost/benefit analysis, and labor relations. His current position as owner/manager of a small specialty contracting firm has brought him strong insights into the world of construction, including the bidding process, project management, and negotiations. He and his wife are active participants in their children's education as well as their extra curricular activities with Phil most recently serving as a coach on his daughter's basketball team. Phil and Emily live in Bryn Mawr.

THEODORE E. LORENZ



Ted Lorenz is a Deputy Attorney General with the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office. Ted is also a Captain in the JAG Corps for the U.S. Army Reserves. He is married to Anne Lorenz (formerly Anne Peachey) and they have two children. Their oldest child is in 2nd grade at Penn Valley Elementary School; the other is in preschool. Ted is actively involved in the education and activities of his children, and previously coached for the Lower Merion Soccer Club. Ted previously taught English at the University of Geosciences in Wuhan, China, and worked as a teacher's assistant while an undergraduate at the University of Maryland, College Park, and while at Widener University School of Law, from which he graduated in 1992. Ted looks forward to addressing and resolving the issues facing the Lower Merion School District.

