

## Lisa Rudley, Ossining School Board Candidate

"It would be an honor to serve on the Ossining School Board and represent my community to bring the best education to all of our children. As a board member, I will work to deliver equitable state funding and the most robust, child-centered education for every Ossining student. I will leave no stone unturned." "Lisa Rudley

Lisa Rudley is a parent to three Ossining public school children, Lexi (OHS junior), Max (AMD 8<sup>th</sup>), and Derek (AMD 6<sup>th</sup>) and has resided in the Ossining school district with her husband, Todd for over 16 years. Lisa has extensive financial, operations, and budgeting expertise through her professional career including her experience serving on several non-profit boards. She has served her community for over a decade by advocating for public education and students with disabilities at the local, state, and federal levels.

Lisa held the positions of Treasurer and Secretary on the Ossining PTA Council and was President of Ossining's Special Education Parent Teacher Organization (SEPTO). She co-chaired the Ossining MATTERS successful 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary annual gala which raised \$100,000. Lisa has served, and continues to serve, on the Ossining School district's Budget Advisory, Communication, and Wellness committees for the last 3 years. Through these committees, she helped successfully increase foundation aid for this school year's budget by \$2.2 million, bring "breakfast before the bell" program and significantly improve two-way communications between the school and community.

As a fierce advocate of preserving and strengthening public education, Lisa has made an impact on education legislation and regulations across New York state. She has worked to protect student data privacy, improve the NYS testing system, enhance standards and make them developmentally appropriate, and preserve local control. Through NYS Allies for Public Education (NYSAPE), of which Lisa is a founding member, there has been significant progress in these areas and she is committed to continuing to push for the necessary changes needed to bring all children the well-rounded education they deserve.

Lisa earned her BA from Richard Stockton University and MBA from Fordham University in International Finance. Lisa was raised and attended public schools in north New Jersey. She moved to New York City after she graduated college to start her career in Investment Advisory where she was a Vice President of Administration. Currently, Lisa is a business operations consultant working with several small to medium-sized companies.

Lisa was awarded 'Advocate of the Year' in 2014 by the NYS Association of School Business Officials (NYSASBO), named 'Person to Watch' in 2014 by the Journal News, and received The Elizabeth Bert Center for Autism Law & Advocacy (EBCALA) 2011 award for outstanding service and dedication to the autism community.