

**Who is Patty Nolan?
Some Cantabridgians answer:**

Patty has been independent, thoughtful, and cooperative. That says it all.

-- Lynne Molnar, non-profit consultant & parent

As President, Patty led our Board through difficult discussions and achieved consensus on some tough issues. Her high level of ethics and passion were always present. She puts her heart into everything. She is doing the same on the School Committee.

Debra Emery, child care center director & resident

Patty is a dedicated, fair, and just leader. She shows deep concern for the education of all children and knows all are capable of high achievement. I wholeheartedly support her.

Bunmi Matory, doctoral student & parent

Patty consistently advocates for all kids and for democratic participation. She's an effective member who identifies key issues and works with others on them. We need Patty to stay on School Committee.

Michele Sprengnether, scientist, activist, parent

One thing I love about Patty is she openly states that her school board pay is the highest in the state. She's earning every penny with her sincerity, commitment, intellectual honesty, openness and a willingness to listen.

Phyllis Baumann, law professor, activist, resident

Thankfully, Patty has made good on her campaign promises. She is a catalyst for educational improvement, asks important questions, and always seeks to include the community. Patty's considerable abilities, financial savvy and commitment to improving public education is a welcome addition to the School Committee.

Bill Zamparelli, community leader & parent



Patty Nolan with husband David Rabkin, and children Joshua, 11 & Alexis, 9

Cambridge should be a city people flock to for our schools. We have smart kids, great teachers, excellent programs, an amazing community and \$23,000 per student. Over the past decade, our district has improved but we can be # 1 in the state. I'm helping us get there. Let's ramp it up! Better oversight = better management = better results.

Patty Nolan

**An Independent Voice
& A Force for Positive Change**

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Patty Nolan



"My Mom" by Alexis Bea Nolan Rabkin

Positive
Analytical
Trustworthy
Tireless --
Your advocate!

She's earned your
#1 vote

Cambridge School Committee
on November 3

Why Patty #1?

Patty celebrates our district's strengths AND pushes us to be even better. We need her, an **experienced manager and clear thinker** on School Committee. She works hard and:

- ✓ asks the right questions
- ✓ listens to, respects, and supports teachers, staff and parents
- ✓ analyzes complex budgets
- ✓ strengthens governance and oversight with data-driven policymaking and use of research
- ✓ sets high expectations for the district and every student

Patty has demonstrated leadership and accomplished a lot:

- ☑ Directing more resources into classrooms, where research proves it has the most impact
- ☑ Comprehensive market research
- ☑ Enhanced environmental policies
- ☑ Supporting new educational models, including Montessori
- ☑ Citywide forums to learn from model public schools with achievement success
- ☑ Increased options for middle class & low income families in choosing schools
- ☑ Set in motion strategic plans for Special Education and technology

Patty needs your # 1 vote to accomplish even more:

- ➡ *More transparency: Where do our dollars go? How do our schools perform?*
- ➡ *Creative solutions to our challenges including motivating top achievers & addressing classroom behavior issues.*
- ➡ *Better use of our \$23,000 per student.*

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...listens, focuses on achievement, provides solutions. A positive force for change – independent, experienced, effective...

We've got work to do. Patty's on it!....

✂ **\$23,000 per student (more than twice the spending of Mass. districts our size) & multi-million dollar surpluses**

For three years, our district has had millions in surplus... yet classroom staff still get cut. As a % of our budget, we spend LESS on teachers than all districts our size. And, we spend MORE on administrative staff outside our schools. Refreshingly, Patty identifies such issues and works collaboratively to address them.

✂ **Market research revealing, but many parents left out....**

Patty's call for comprehensive market research succeeded. The results confirm that our schools have some great aspects and wonderful programs. BUT parents have serious concerns as well, including: too much teaching to the test, bullying and uneven educational quality. Patty is working to address such issues. She also fought to include all Cambridge parents, including independent and parochial schools in the surveys.

Professional experience

- ◆ Headed two small businesses – an environmental company, and a telecom reseller
- ◆ Developed business strategy, operations changes, & financing for small businesses and non-profits.
- ◆ Consultant at McKinsey & Co., LISC & ICA Group, (spanning corporate, community economic development and welfare-to-work model programs)

City involvement

- ◆ Co-chair, Amigos School Council
- ◆ Peabody School Parent Connection
- ◆ Director, Cambridge United for Education
- ◆ Leader, Charter School proposal based on International Baccalaureate
- ◆ Green Streets citywide environmental group
- ◆ Many others, on a volunteer and informal basis

Board experience

- ◆ Range of educational non profits, including Children's Village, Cambridge nonprofit (*President & Treasurer*), Cambridge School Volunteers (*Treasurer*), and Yale School of Management Alumni Association (*Treasurer*), and the Art Works Educational Foundation;
- ◆ Mission based companies, including Independent Fabrication, Valley Care Cooperative Home Care, Unique Special Care.

Education

- ◆ Public & Catholic–elementary and high school
- ◆ *Harvard-Radcliffe Colleges* A.B. degree in Gov't
- ◆ *Yale School of Management* , Masters degree



Accountability
Respect
Transparency
Excellence