



# TELANDER FOR TUXEDO SCHOOLS!

TUXEDO NY

Hi, My name is Johanna Telander and I am running for a Trustee seat on Tuxedo Union Free School District's Board of Education on June 9<sup>th</sup>. My son currently attends GGM and my daughter will be in kindergarten this fall, and I believe we need parents with current ties to the district to serve on the board. The Tuxedo Teachers' Association has endorsed my candidacy and I am asking for your support, too.

Tuxedo Teachers' Association: "Telander is the clear choice. We wholeheartedly endorse her for the Tuxedo School Board!"

## BIO

I am an entrepreneur with twenty years of experience in the entertainment industry. My work in radio, television, theatre, film, commercials and voice-over have given me the ability to work in fast-paced settings with a variety of people. I have stealth, creativity and excellent communication skills paired with an eagerness to find working solutions to challenges brought on by unprecedented situations. As a relatively new resident, I bring global views and fresh perspective to our district.

## VIEWS

My volunteer work on the PTO and as a Class Parent in the past two years have given me a chance to work in the school setting and witness first-hand the unwavering dedication of our teachers. The school's atmosphere has grown strained in the last year due to the many changes and high turnover within the administration. We need to focus on strong leadership and working together to stand up and stand out as a district. Are we making the right changes to benefit the students, teachers, parents and taxpayers?

## My Approach:

- **Transparency and Teamwork.** You are part of my team. Let's identify **three key** issues facing the school today together. I want to hear from you! I vow to be a voice for the community and commit to listening to your concerns. I pride myself on honesty, openness and approachability.
- **United Front.** We need to stop dividing into groups! We owe it to our kids, teachers and town to put our differences aside and work towards our shared goal—finding the best possible way to help our students thrive.
- **Fiscal Responsibility.** Let's take a look at the budget and the current spending habits of the school. What spending is necessary? What spending is discretionary? What spending is wasteful? What improvements must we make? Which can we do without? Fixing a damaged roof should be a priority. Adding another administrative position is a luxury. We don't need extra organizational layers in the administrative office. All discretionary spending must be viewed through the lens of what will bring students to the school and set us apart as a district. The benefits of a multi-week drumming course could have been achieved at a much lesser cost and time commitment. For instance, a daylong seminar including professionals from all music concentrations. Let's not forget our small school personality—and cater to the benefits this brings with it.
- **Selflessness. Let's opt for altruism rather than egoism.** I believe in serving the community, rolling up our sleeves and getting to work. Whether you choose to serve on a board, to donate clothes or to simply check in on a neighbor, every simple act of kindness builds on a communal identity that makes us all stronger. We owe it to our town to be present, active and a positive influence when and where we can. This is not about me or my own agenda. I am a composer by profession and stand nothing to gain from this position professionally. It's about the kids receiving the best education we can muster. That's it.
- **Dialogue.** We need to communicate in a way that is effective, respectful, and encourages the building up rather than tearing down of individuals, so we can in turn strengthen our community from within.

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